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HONORING OUR HERITAGE & FOCUSED ON OUR FUTURE



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The Message of Our Sanctuary Eighth Window



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I can imagine the first Passover of the Anshe Emet Synagogue in the Spring of 1874. There is no question that the discussion of the servitude of the ancient Israelites was mixed with the aftermath of the Civil War and Reconstruction. The members of this newly minted synagogue must have felt like they were living the Exodus from Egypt. However, when they came to the words L'Shana Ha'Ba'ah B'Yerushalyim, Next year in Jerusalem, they would most likely not be thinking of the creation of a Jewish nation-state, but about the traditional Messianic era.

The window pictured above portrays just how much the Jewish world changed in less than 85 years. Not only had our people endured the Holocaust, but established a Jewish State for the first time in 2000 years. This window was created in 1948 to celebrate that momentous event, and the images that it contains speak to the tension that has existed since Israel's founding. These issues speak loudly to us this year as we celebrate our 150th anniversary. Those same words, which end our Passover seder, now speak to us not only of the time of the Messiah, but about an Israel reborn with Jerusalem as its capital.

These two approaches of those iconic words, Next year in Jerusalem, representing an ethereal and all too real vision of Israel, are brilliantly portrayed in the stained glass window in our sanctuary that few have

ever noticed. The window, pictured above, is located in the balcony on the northern wall. It was created to honor the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. The panels on the right and left portray the Messianic vision contained in the opening chapters of the Prophet Isaiah. On the right, there is a man pounding his sword into a plowshare, reflecting the belief that a day of peace will yet come when weapons can be used for peaceful purposes.

וְשָׁפַט בֵּין הַגּוֹיִם הַזֵּה וְהַזֵּה לְעַמִּים רַבִּים וְכִתְּתוּ סִרְבּוֹתָם לְאֲתָיִם
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גִּי' אֶל-גִּוי חֶרֶב וְלֹא-יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה: {פ}

Thus [God] will judge among the nations
And arbitrate for the many peoples,
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares
And their spears into pruning hooks:
Nation shall not take up
Sword against nation;
They shall never again know war.

The left side of the window shows a child surrounded by animals, both wild and domestic, in an idyllic scene offering the vision:

וְגֵר זֵאֵב עִם-כֶּבֶד וְנֶמֶר
עִם-גִּדִּי יִרְבֹּץ וְעֵגֶל וְדֹב יִרְבֹּץ
וְיִמְרֵא יִתְּתֵהוּ וְנֶעֱרַר קֶטֶן נִהְיָ כֵּם:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard lie down with the kid;
The calf, the beast of prey, and the fatling together,
With a little boy to herd them.

Both side windows offer a vision of the peace and security of the Messianic Era.

The middle window offers a harsher view of reality. The picture shows a ragtag army, some in uniform and others wearing their everyday clothing. While the combatants carry an assortment of weapons, they all wear the same expression of steely determination as they approach the fight for Jerusalem and all of Israel. What is especially interesting, is that the army is being led by a woman waving the flag of Israel. Who is she? Is the woman a personification of victory? Does she reflect the egalitarianism of the new State? Is it a representation of a Biblical figure? The answer to this question is found in the words at the bottom, which are taken from the book of Psalms.

יָקוּם אֱלֹהִים יִפְּצוּ אוֹיְבָיו וְיִנָּסוּ מִשְׁנָאָיו מִפְּנֵיו:

God will arise,
His enemies shall be scattered,
His foes shall flee before Him.

I believe the woman in the window is the Shechinah, the Divine presence personified in

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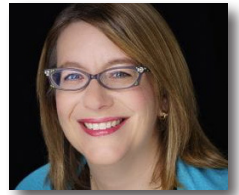
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A Message from Our Board President

"To be a Jew is to know that the history of our people lives on in us"

— Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

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the female form.

The message of the window is that God is marching into battle, returning to Jerusalem with the descendants of Abraham and Sarah.

When our congregation gathered last Rosh Hashanah and began our Sesquicentennial, our third Yovel, we had no idea that just a few weeks later Israel would be brutally attacked on October 7th and a terrible war would ensue. Our congregation has come together in remarkable ways, much the same as I believe this community did in 1947. This year, when we gather around our Seder tables, and say Next year in Jerusalem, it will be filled with both aspects found in that window in our sanctuary's balcony: the hard reality of a country that continues to be forced to fight, and the longing of our people to arrive at a day when we will be able to put our weapons down, and our children will be able to grow up in peace. Amidst the challenges of this moment, let us appreciate the fact that after Passover we will have the privilege to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, which is something that those who gathered for Passover in 1874 could not have imagined. It is our privilege to live in a time when we can give new meaning to those words: L'Shana Ha'ba'ah B'Yerushalayim: Next Year in Jerusalem.

On the top of our piano are multiple framed photos of generations of our family. There are photos from our wedding, that of both of our parents, Josh and Ayelet's Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. I am sure many of you may have a similar collection of photos. One of the photos is of my grandmother's family in Russia. They are in their apple orchard. My great grandparents are seated and surrounded by their six children, my grandmother being the second youngest. When she and some of her siblings left Russia, they brought with them memories of their life in Russia, of the anti-Semitism and pogroms they experienced, but also the hope of new beginnings.

My grandmother lived with us for many years, and I remember her telling me stories about her life in Russia, and of course in America. She did not speak the language (although she was already fluent in six other languages) and learned English by listening to the radio. She married my grandfather later in life and only had one child, my mom. Yet their apartment in the Bronx was the gathering place for all of her family and my understanding is that they came together often, and especially for holidays. The same held true for my dad's mom, whose apartment had one of those tables that continued unfolding until it was long enough to seat everyone with an amalgam of chairs around it. The table was the place where our history was shared, stories were told, and new memories made. Even now, when I flip through photos of our family (and Jay's too), many are photos of people around the table enjoying a meal

and sharing their lives with each other.

In the next two months, we will celebrate both Purim and Passover – two holidays that retell the great stories of our people. We will observe these holidays both in synagogue and at home, as a community and as families. We will gather around our tables – some large and some smaller – enjoying the foods and traditions that remind us of the collective and the individual. We will tell stories about Seders of the past, remember costumes that our kids wore (or we did).

For, even though this is one of the most challenging times in recent memory, we know that the resilience and longevity of the Jewish people, in part, is because our history is not something from long ago, rather it is something that lives with us. We honor our history, looking backwards and forward at the same time. It is part of what makes us unique in the world.

As Anshe Emet continues to reflect on our own history as a community in Chicago, I want to encourage you to join us for a special day of events on May 19, 2024. On this day we will mark our 150 years as a community with music, food and our annual Visionaries event, where we honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the legacy of Jewish innovation, creativity, and tikkun olam. More information about sponsorship and tickets is forthcoming.

With continued hopes for the return of our hostages, an end to the war, and the coming of peace.

B'shalom,

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Honoring Our Heritage & Focused On Our Future

Abigail Kelman, Esq, is a St. Louis-based attorney who specializes in placement of clergy candidates with prospective congregations and negotiation of clergy contacts, both introductory and renewal. Her father, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, was the Executive Vice President of the Rabbinical Assembly. Her sister, Rabbi Naamah Kelman was until 2023 the Dean of the Jerusalem Campus of Hebrew Union College and her brother, Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman, was the founder of Congregation Kol HaNeshamah in Jerusalem. Abby's daughter and son-in-law Hannah Barg and Peter Fogel are current members of the Rose Crown minyan and Abby's granddaughter, Ruth Miriam Fogel, is one of Anshe Emet's newest members. Abby and her husband Peter Barg have 3 other grown children, Alex, Emma, and Adina.

While I am not a member of Anshe Emet Synagogue and do not live in Chicago, I have a unique Anshe Emet story to share. During the early-to-mid 1960s, my father, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, would assist Rabbi Seymour Cohen during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur by officiating at what was called the "overflow service" held in what is now the Blum Community hall. My father took this High Holiday position because my mother was a Chicago native and her sister Suzanne Basinger lived on Castlewood Terrace in the Uptown neighborhood. My grandfather, Rabbi Felix Alexander Levy, had been the longtime rabbi of Emanuel Congregation in Edgewater. My aunt and her

family would go to Emanuel and we would go to Anshe Emet. I have vivid memories of the service, including a unique HaYom melody that I have never heard anywhere else. I don't have any memories of my father's sermons as I suspect my siblings and I were busy running around the building.

The other coincidental event was lunch. After services, our family would join Rabbi Cohen's family at their home for the meal. Their home was 3750 N Lake Shore Drive which is the current home of one of my closest friends and editor of this series, Elaine Seeskin. Many years later, Hannah (and then Alex and Adina) moved to Chicago. On one of early those trips, I visited my cousin Rabbi David Russo at Anshe Emet. He took me to the Blum Community hall, which brought back sweet memories of my High Holy Days spent at Anshe Emet as a child. Since then, I've been back to Anshe Emet many times, where I continue to feel that deep connection made so long ago.

If you'd like to share your Moment, to help us create a full picture of our vibrant AES community at 150, please contact Elaine Seeskin: elaine.seeskin@gmail.com or 314.882.1252.

SAVE THE DATE

Healing Service

Thursday, March 14 • 7PM

Join Cantor Liz Berke and Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould for this special service to help heal the soul, and cope with the stresses of life. Learn more and sign up online!

SAVE THE DATE

Dr. Andrew Weiner Shabbat D'var & Post Kiddush Discussion Saturday, April 20

When is Enough, Enough? Understanding behavioral addiction in our Jewish Community.



Israel: Transformative Moments: Texts & Contexts

Mondays, Beginning March 4
7PM

In our 4-session class with Rabbi Siegel, we will examine the history of the modern State of Israel from four historical moments and their texts. We will see how key events have resonated in the land of Israel reading the words that shaped the Land of Israel. We will examine the 1904 Zionist Congress, the Altalena affair in 1948, the Peel Commission, and the Hamas Charter and the Abraham Accords. This is a hybrid class that runs through March 25.



Peaceful Grandparent Project Class with Jane Shapiro

Select Wednesdays,
Beginning March 13
7PM

4 sessions: March 13, March 27,
April 10 and April 17 via Zoom

Orot: Center for New Jewish Learning has adapted its renowned Peaceful Parent Project® program to cater specifically to grandparents, introducing specialized texts and topics that resonate with the unique experience of being a grandparent. This new initiative is led by Dr. Jane Shapiro, a proud Bubbie whose identity and experiences as a grandmother inform her approach to teaching and mentoring. **UPDATES FEES: Free/Members; \$100/Non-Members.**

This program has been generously supported by The Kahn Family in loving memory of Cathy Kahn who was a lifelong learner and who was enriched by the teachings of Jane Shapiro and Orot.



A Ruthless Criticism of Everything Halakhic with Natan Hason

Saturday, March 23 • 1:15PM

We are members of a "halakhic movement" as Conservative Jews, but what does that mean? Halakhic discourse has been at the heart of debates within our movement and others regarding gender and obligation, sexuality, marriage and divorce, and so many other issues that intersect with core areas of our identities and lives. We will explore together what this thing called "halakha" really is and if it is even possible to talk about a "halakhic system" at all. We will also look at basic Palestinian texts to understand their narrative

and how it impacted October 7th and the war that is presently being fought on multiple fronts.



PART OF OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURE SERIES

Predicting the Future: The American Jewish Community and the Role of the Synagogue

Thursday, March 28 • 7PM

We will hear from Barry Finestone, President and CEO of the Jim Joseph Foundation. This program is via Zoom only.



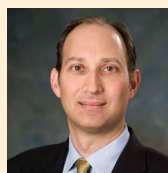
Eilu v'Eilu: The Core Debate: A Debate on Jewish Values and American Politics With Dr. Tevi Troy and Rabbi David Saperstein

Monday, April 15 • 7PM

As the 2024 elections loom, America has rarely felt as divided over politics and policies as it does today. So, too, the Jewish community.

At such a time as this, is bipartisan/cross-ideological comity, compromise, and common ground possible? And what is the path to greater bipartisan cooperation and tolerance, both in America and within the Jewish community?

Dr. Troy and Rabbi Saperstein will discuss issues, and model how even political protagonists with sharply differing political, religious, and ideological views can engage in respectful and constructive debate.



Dr. Tevi Troy



Rabbi David Saperstein

This program is generously sponsored by Jacqueline G. Gilbert, in loving memory of Howard N. Gilbert.

JCC PROGRAM

Two for One Broadway with Matt & Cynthia Gruel

Monday, March 25 • Noon

What's better than a dynamic song from a hit Broadway musical? Two dynamic songs from a hit Broadway musical! This delightful, one-hour cabaret, presenting Broadway musicals from the 1930s to the 1980s, features favorite tunes from seven Broadway shows. Matt and Cynthia share interesting tidbits unique to each musical.

Shards: Putting the Pieces Together with Evan Kent

Tuesday, April 2 • 7PM

In Evan Kent's one-man show "Shards: Putting the Pieces Together" he shares with the audience stories of his grandparents' immigration to the United States at the beginning of the 20th century interwoven with his own tales of his Aliyah (immigration to Israel) just a few years ago.

Passover Psalms with Jacob Cytryn

Tuesdays, April 2, 9 & 16 • 7PM

As part of a longstanding tradition to celebrate a Siyyum (completion of learning a discrete part of our Holy Texts), join us for one or more of a three-part series looking at the final part (Book 5) of Psalms, numbers 120-150. Highlights include all of the "Shir Hama'alots" (Songs of Ascent) and those stalwarts of P'sukei D'zimrah, Ashrei and "the Halleluyahs."



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"Music is an act of love, that's why it is so rewarding."
— Leonard Bernstein

These days, quotes like this one from the great Maestro, are a beautiful reminder of our obligation to find ways to bring love into the world. It is a true act of service which speaks to the core of our Jewish identity as a people charged with doing mitzvot and chasing goodness in this world. Here at the Anshe Emet Music Center, music is our conduit for channeling this love, and we are so excited and proud of all of the wonderful upcoming events and programs available during March and April—and beyond!

We hope to see you on Sunday, March 3 at 4PM for the 21st Annual Kaplan Concert, featuring Shul Sisters. Founded in 2019 by myself, Cantor Laurie Akers, and Cantor Rachel Goldman, our cantorial trio has spent the past five years spreading our musical message of inspiration, empowerment, and joy for Jewish communities across the country. I am so excited to bring our group to my beloved home community of Anshe Emet. Featuring a special appearance by Voices of Anshe Emet, one of our talented youth choirs!

Sunday, March 17 at 10AM, join us for this year's Purim Goes to Broadway: The Spiel Must Go On! Our cast of 60+ performers will wow you with their song, dance, and storytelling. Accompanied by the Anders Band, this year's Spiel is bigger and better than ever and will take the most beloved Broadway tunes and adapt them to a hilarious telling of the Purim Story. This is a great experience for all ages; we hope to see you there!

Attention for all Jewish singers! [Shireinu](#), our Community Synagogue Choir, is back with a new musical director! Victoria (Tory) May, who you may know as Rabbi Siegel's Executive Administrator, is a talented choral conductor and singer in her own right. Tory will be leading



Above: Shul Sisters
Right: Tory May



rehearsals throughout March, in preparation for a Kabbalat Shabbat service participation on Friday, April 5th at 6PM. Mark your calendars for this special evening! Rehearsals will take place on February 22, 29, March 28, and April 4. We ask that all participants commit to at least four out of the five rehearsals.

Finally, I am thrilled to share that I will be traveling to Israel at the end of March for a special musical project. In honor of Anshe Emet's 150th Anniversary, we have turned our attention to supporting our brothers and sisters in Israel who make their living as full-time musicians. In the wake of October 7th, these artists' livelihoods have all but disappeared as concerts and tours have been canceled, students have left, and projects have been few and far between. Thanks to the generous support of Judy and William Goldberg and the Sarah Danielle Goldberg Cultural Arts Fund we are able to make a meaningful contribution to the lives of 20+ artists who will be employed for the duration of this album's creation, resulting in a beautiful and lasting album of music that will pay respect to the breadth and beauty of our Jewish musical tradition.

Circling back to Bernstein above—our work at Anshe Emet is so deeply rewarding as we all move from a place of love, in partnership with all of you, our wonderful congregants!

Can't wait to see you soon around these halls and beyond!

R. Brook

Our community thrives on the vibrant spirit of active participation, and we are thrilled to present several exciting opportunities for you to get involved. Discover the fulfilling experiences that await you within our community:

PURIM MEGILLAH READERS: As Purim approaches, we invite you to lend your voice to one of our three Megillah reading opportunities. On Saturday, March 23 at 8PM, we have a no-frills Megillah reading with a few chapters still available for eager readers. On Sunday, March 24 at 9:30AM, join either our morning minyan or community Megillah reading. Limited spots are left in the morning, so act quickly if interested.

TORAH READERS: Help us expand our Torah readers base. If you're passionate about reading Torah during Shabbat services, or our Thursday morning minyan, please reach out to express your interest.

MORNING MINYAN: Don't forget our in-person minyan on Thursdays and Fridays at 7AM in the Bennett Library. Enjoy a meaningful weekday service, followed by delightful coffee and muffins to kickstart your day.

SHABBAT AND FRIDAY NIGHT GREETERS: Volunteer to be a warm and welcoming presence on Friday evenings (5:50PM-6:10PM) and Saturday mornings (9:15AM-10:15AM). Contact me to schedule your date and time to greet congregants.

HHD TEEN READERS: High Holy Days may seem distant, but we're already seeking teens for the honor of reading an Aliyah during our services. Reach out to initiate the process, and we'll guide your child through the experience.

B'NAI MITZVAH SUPPORT: Whether your child's B'nai Mitzvah is years away or just passed, I am here to support you with any questions or assistance you may need. Feel free to reach out; we're ready to help.

For all inquiries and expressions of interest, please contact me at ybernstein@ansheemet.org. Your active participation is crucial in shaping the vibrant tapestry of our Anshe Emet community.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
SHARING THESE MEANINGFUL
EXPERIENCES WITH YOU!**



Spiel rehearsals in full swing!

AES Families



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SCAN TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER FOR OUR
FAMILY PROGRAMS!

Looking for a Babysitter?

We have a list of CPR and First Aid certified individuals who are happy to help take care of your children. Please reach out to Max Handelman for the list.



Baby Beginnings

Thursdays • 9:30AM

Baby Beginnings is a delightful gathering designed for babies 12 months and younger and their grown-ups. Join incredible community experts for music, baby yoga, Jewish life with baby and more! Sign up for one session or more.



Fabulous Fours!

Sundays • 9:15AM

If your child is turning 4 before September 1, and will be eligible for JK next year, please join this new Spring class taught by Maxine Handelman!

Fabulous Fours engages 4 year olds and their grown-ups in Jewish values connected to Purim, Passover and the world around us. We will meet Sundays, March 3, 10, April 7, & 14.

Shabbat Morning Family Tefillah Options

Shalom Shabbat • 10AM

Join our musical and joyful service designed for families with kids 4 and under.

Shachar • 11AM

Join our musical service for kids in K-2nd grade and their families.

Shabbat HaNoar • 11am

Join this lively service for families with 3rd-5th graders with Mr. Todd and AES Clergy.

Save the Date!

Passover Adventure

Sunday, April 14 • 3PM

Inviting all 3-8 year olds and their grown ups to go back in time and join Moses on a thrilling ride from the banks of the Nile to the shores of the Red Sea. Rabbi Benjy and Max Handelman will be your guides for this not-to-be-missed adventure!

Save the date

Baby Jam

Sunday, May 5 • 3:30PM

Families with children 2 years old and younger are invited to join Miss Aimee for songs, stories, and schmoozing. This is a great way to connect with other families with kids the same age as yours!

Tefilla Incentive

At Anshe Emet, we strive to keep our children engaged in exciting programs and tefillah (prayer) opportunities. Our Shabbat morning family services are an excellent place to find your community. These services also provide an authentic and joyful place for your child to put into practice the tefillah skills they are learning in school, to learn a little Torah, and to build their own relationship with G-d and Anshe Emet clergy.

This Spring, join us for at least five tefillah opportunities between February 5 and June 1 to be invited to our spring celebration. We will celebrate on June 2 with silent disco, pizza and ice cream for those that are eligible.

Be sure to join the community every Shabbat and "sticker in" on Shabbat at 11AM in either our Shachar (K-2nd service) or Shabbat HaNoar (3rd-5th service)!



AES Religious School



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Register for both Parent Education
options by scanning the code below:



Religious School Parent Education

Talking with Kids About Tricky Topics with Rabbi Siegel

Sundays, March 10 • 9:30AM

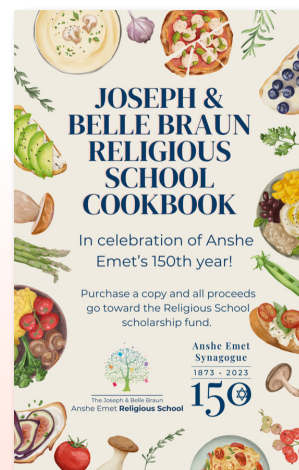
Ever want to talk to your kids about Israel
but don't know how? Join Rabbi Siegel to
learn some tips.

Religious School Parent Education

Sacred Text Learning with Rabbi D'ror

Sunday, April 14

Ever wonder how the arc of the sacred
text is taught here? Join Rabbi D'ror to learn
the organization behind the curriculum.



The Religious School is excited
to announce a cookbook release
this spring in celebration of 150
years of Anshe Emet. Be on the
lookout for an order form!

SAVE THE DATE

Last Day of RS & 150th Celebration

Sunday, May 19 • 11AM

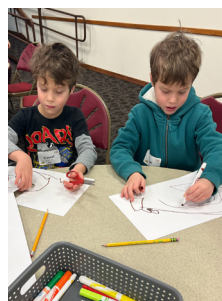
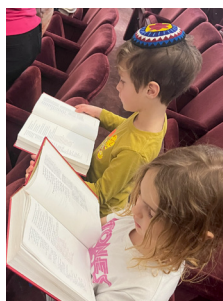
Join us for a joyous zimriya
and listen to each grade of the
Religious School sing. Then stay for
a celebratory lunch that will lead us
into our Visionaries program.



Day Off Programs

April 1, 10 & 11 • 9AM-5PM

Kindergarten through 4th graders are invited
to join us on CPS Days Off on April 1, 10
and/or 11. From 9am to 5pm, children will
be crafting, moving, meeting friends and
more! Sign up soon as space is limited.



SAVE THE DATE

Passover Program

Sunday, April 7 • 2:30PM

You and your family are invited to craft your
very own seder plates with us at Glazed
Expressions pottery studio! This event is for
both parents and children in grades 2 - 8.

Religious School 4th & 5th Grade Shabbat

Saturday, April 27 • 9:30AM

Join our 4th graders as they take a leadership
role in Shabbat HaNoar and our
5th graders will be taking a lead in the main
sanctuary service!

Ramah Shabbat

Friday, March 8 • 4:45PM



Shabbat for Ramah campers and alumni, as
well as welcoming those without prior Ramah
affiliations who are looking to tap
into the spirit of summer camp!



Religious School will be on
Spring Break from March 24-31.



IsraelNow Follow-Up Programming

We are excited to be partnering with the JUF's Israel Education Center to provide a three part series on Israel for our 8th graders. The first session will be in March, please stay tuned for more information.



Make your own Matzah Pizza

Sunday, April 28 • 12PM

Enjoy your lunch and dig into Jewish podcasts!
Open for teens in 7th-12th grade.

Teen Undernighter

Saturday, March 16 • 6PM

Teens in 7th-12th grade are invited to join us at this year's Purim Undernighter! Enjoy Havdalah and dinner, help set up the Purim Carnival, get exclusive early access to our Purim inflatables, and join us for a Silent Disco to round out this exciting evening! We will not be sleeping at the Synagogue, but please feel free to come in your pajamas.

Contact Hannah Kinsella to learn more about AES Teen Opportunities:
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ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE

This year the Young Adult Division at Anshe Emet has grown exponentially. Over the past 5 months, I have had the pleasure of getting to know the Young Adult community through numerous coffee chats and conversations. I have learned so much about the diverse and wonderful group of people, and have enjoyed offering creative programs that build community and bolster Jewish identity. From Young Adult Shabbat Dinners, cocktail parties, and learning sessions with Rabbi Benji Forester, the Young Adult Division (YAD) has had access to a plethora of engaging opportunities. YAD has also been involved with community service and volunteering, offering their time and energy at synagogue events, as well as through Na'aseh.

One of the highlights of February was the Healing Ink documentary showing, which we hosted in partnership with Artists4Israel, The Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema, and ChiTribe. This documentary follows 8 tattoo artists as they travel to Israel for the first time. Healing Ink tells the stories of artists, survivors, and the curative power of art in the face of trauma. After the documentary showing we were joined by a panel consisting of directors, artists, and educators who shared their perspectives and experiences in the making of this documentary.

I am incredibly lucky to be a part of such a thriving community and cannot wait to continue helping this group grow.



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YAD and JCC: Meet Me at Mordecai's Purim Party!

Thursday, March 21 • 7PM

Join YAD and the JCC for a super spectacular Purim Party at Mordecai's Bar (3632 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60613)

Earlybird Price: \$10

Day of the Event: \$15

Passover Cooking with Chef Javi

Tuesday, April 9 • 7:30PM



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YAD BASKETBALL



AES Affinity Groups

Sisterhood

The AES Sisterhood and its 120+ members have started the year with two successful programs. We started with our first in-person **Women's Seder for Tu B'Shevat**, on Sunday, January 21. The Haggadah, the food and the flower pots were decorated along with the camaraderie, made for a delightful afternoon. Our annual **Sisterhood Shabbat**, on Saturday, February 3, once again brought all of us together with the aid of our event chair, Larisa Kenen.

ONGOING PROGRAMS INCLUDE: High School Grad Connection, providing gift packages to AES High School graduates at Hannukah and Passover. Please make sure you have given the names and addresses to Marla Gordon at marlasg@aol.com by March 8.

This year the Central Great Lakes Region is holding its Spring Conference in Cincinnati, on April 7 through the 9th. If you are interested contact Deborah Gubin at digubin@aol.com or Marcie Marcovitz at mmarcovitz@comcast.net.

The Book Group has its spring selections of: *Tell it On the Mountain* by James Baldwin on March 7, and *Trust*, by Herman Diaz on May 2. All sessions are via Zoom. If you are interested, please contact Judy Metzger at hgmet1@aol.com. We meet three times in the fall and three times in the spring with a professional facilitator.

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

On Thursday evening May 30, we will have our annual Torah Fund reception, honoring our newest Rabbi Benji Forester and his wife Emily Schwartz.

Everyone is invited to participate in our programs, whether or not you belong to Sisterhood. For more information please check the shul's website or speak with someone on our Board.

As an affiliate of Women's League for Conservative Judaism we encourage our members and prospective members to look at their website: WLCJ.ORG to learn more.



AES Softball Players!

With spring fast approaching, the Anshe Emet softball team is looking for both men and women ages 18 and up to participate.

All interested should contact Sam Neusner at sneusner@yahoo.com.

Men's Club

Men's Club hopes you and your families are doing well this winter and are staying safe and healthy. We are pleased to offer you many programs that are planned for diverse interests! We hope you join us at most or even all these programs.

March 3: The Midwest Region of the International Jewish Men's Clubs recognizes the **Man and Youth of the Year** of each club's synagogue at the North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, IL from 3PM-5PM. Anshe Emet Synagogue congratulates Alan Mintz as Man of the Year and Mimi Butterman as the Youth of the Year.

March 6 & April 3: Men's Club Pickleball at Anshe Emet from 6PM-8:30PM. Come and enjoy the comradery and competition!!

March 13: Passover Wine Tasting and Purchasing at Binny's Lincoln Park, 1720 N. Marcey Street, from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Come and taste some of the newest choices for kosher wines for Passover and be able to purchase them tax free and at a discounted price for your seder and holiday enjoyment. Registration available online.

March 20: Hearing Men's Voices Program. Join in discussing issues in a safe place that relate to the modern Jewish man. Our topic will center on "Being a Jewish Spouse." There is a \$5.00 fee and snacks and drinks will be available. Register online.

March 23: Men's Club Shabbat. Join us at our annual honoring of your Men's Club as we participate in our Shabbat morning services. Contact our coordinators, Jay Lewkowitz at jaylewkowitz@gmail.com or Dan Kenen dkenen@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

We look forward to your participating in our **Yom HaShoah** program commemorating the Holocaust. Yellow candles to be lit on Yom HaShoah as remembrances for those precious souls lost during the Holocaust will be sent to our members and available for purchase as well. Details to be announced in April.



Pesach at AES

Boil-a-Thon • Tuesday, April 16

First Seder • Monday, April 22

7AM
(7:21pm candle lighting)
Morning Minyan, Siyyum, and burning of chametz (hybrid)
6PM
Maariv service (Zoom only)

Pesach Day 1 • Tuesday, April 23

9:30AM
Combined sanctuary and RCM service

10AM
Pesach Youth Services for 0-5 years old

11AM
Pesach Youth Services for Kindergarten-5th

6PM
Maariv service (Zoom only)

Pesach Day 2 • Wednesday, April 24

9:30AM
Combined sanctuary and RCM service

10AM
Special Youth Pesach Programming for 0-5 year olds

11AM
Special Youth Pesach Programming for K-5th

Pesach Day 3 • Thursday, April 25

7AM
Morning Minyan (hybrid)

Pesach Day 4 • Friday, April 26

7AM
Morning Minyan (hybrid)

6PM
Shabbat service in Malkov

Pesach Day 5 • Saturday, April 27
Shabbat morning

9:30AM
Sanctuary service lead by our 4th and 5th grade Religious School students

9:30AM
RCM service

10AM
Shalom Shabbat

11AM
Shachar

11AM
Shabbat HaNoar

1PM
Mincha

Pesach Day 6 • Sunday, April 28

8:30AM
Minyan (Zoom)

4:30PM
Pesach Movie

6PM
Mincha Service (hybrid)

6:30PM
Maariv service (hybrid)

Pesach Day 7 • Monday, April 29

9:30AM
Sanctuary service

9:30AM
RCM service

10AM
Pesach Youth Services for 0-5 years old

11AM
Pesach Youth Services for Kindergarten-5th

6PM
Maariv service (hybrid)

Pesach Day 8 • Tuesday, April 30

9:30AM
Sanctuary service

9:30AM
RCM service

10AM
Pesach Youth Services for 0-5 years old

11AM
Pesach Youth Services for Kindergarten-5th

11AM (approx.)
Yizkor service in RCM

11:30AM (approx.)
Yizkor service in Sanctuary

6PM
Maariv service (Zoom)

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ANSHE EMET'S 2024 **PURIM** CELEBRATIONS

BROADWAY

We are so excited to celebrate our BROADWAY-themed 2024 Purim festivities with you!

PLEASE REVIEW THIS TIMELINE VERY CAREFULLY

because many of our programs have changed this year due to the timing of Shabbat.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

6PM – 11PM

Teen Undernighter

Teens in 7th-12th grade are invited to join us at this year's Purim Undernighter! Enjoy Havdalah and dinner, help set up the Purim Carnival, get exclusive early access to our Purim inflatables, and join us for a Silent Disco to round out this exciting evening! We will not be sleeping at the Synagogue, but please feel free to come in your pajamas.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9AM

Low Sensory Carnival

10AM

The Spiel Must Go On!

This is your **ONLY** opportunity to be in the Room Where It Happens for the Spiel!

11AM – 1PM

Purim Carnival & Silent Auction

Member Pricing:

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Adult: \$10
Child (5+): \$20

Regular
Adult: \$15
Child (5+): \$30

Non-Member Pricing:

Early Bird
Adult: \$15
Child (5+): \$25

Regular
Adult: \$25
Child (5+): \$35



Register Today!
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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

7PM

Seudah Shlishit

8PM

Traditional Full Megilah Reading in the Sanctuary

Followed by

Adult Cocktail Party & Silent Auction

There will be no children's programming on the 23rd due to the late hour of the reading.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9AM

Minyan and Traditional full Megilah Reading in Malkov Chapel

9:30AM

Young Family Megilah Telling with Max and Todd

Families with children 4 and under jump into the Purim story with Mr. Todd and Max Handelman! Fully musical and fully engaging – come prepared to dance.

9:30AM

Sanctuary Megilah Reading

Abridged reading with fun and frivolity!

10:30AM

Community Purim Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy Chef Javi's special Purim breakfast and create Mishloach Manot to deliver to the community!

Silent Auction Open—Final Call!

Member Pricing:

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Non-Member Pricing:

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Not Photoed: Tobias Berman, son of Vanda & Matt Berman, April 13, 2024.

A Message On Our Cover Artist, Rabbi Pete Stein

Rabbi Pete Stein teaches Talmud, Bible and Jewish at the Rochelle Zell Jewish High School. A native of Connecticut, Pete moved to Chicago in 2018 to be a part of the rich Jewish life in Lakeview. He began creating art in 2007 when he taught himself how to quilt, building on the sewing skills he had learned in middle school Home Economics. But his real growth as an artist began in 2016 when he studied acrylic painting at a local art school in Michigan. In the years since, Pete's artistic practice has expanded to include abstract sculpture, wax painting and illuminated Jewish texts. His work has explored themes such as Revelation, gun violence, and the built environment in Chicago. Pete has exhibited his work locally at the Oak Park Art League's Carriage House Gallery, as well as in an ongoing exhibit at SketchPad, Chicago's Jewish co-working space. You can find his work at petestein.net.

The painting depicted on the cover of this bulletin is titled "Who Knows One?" This image is based on the dance "Echad Mi Yodea?" ("Who Knows One?") choreographed by Ohad Naharin and performed by the Batsheva Dance Company in Israel. Pete was inspired to paint this piece after seeing the dance featured in the movie, 7 Days in Entebbe.

Anshe Emet is the reason Pete moved to Chicago. The Rose Crown Minyan has provided him with a spiritual home and a warm Shabbat community that serves as the focal point of his week and his social life in the city. Pete loves Anshe Emet's diverse community, the wonderful clergy and staff, and the shul's active participation in the larger Lakeview Jewish community.

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Anshe Emet expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of:

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March 25 & April 22

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 Victoria May at vmay@ansheemet.org or 773.868.5120. Names will be kept on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.



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