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YOUR CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE



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## FOCUSING ON THE JOY AND NOT THE OY OF JEWISH LIFE IN THE YEAR AHEAD: A HIGH HOLY DAYS MESSAGE FOR 5786

I have memories of sitting in High Holy Days services as a young person and trying to imagine what the world would look like the next time we gathered for the New Year.

- What would I experience in the year ahead?
- What world events would take place that would be an utter surprise?
- Who would live and who would not?

Some years, some of my guesses were accurate and other years, less so. However, the things that have transpired since we gathered a year ago on the *Yamim Noraim* truly strain the imagination, much of which many of us in the Jewish community can summarize in a two letter Yiddish word: OY!

While the world around us feels so fluid and volatile, there are certain constants which are unchanging. One of those is the sound of the Shofar. The Torah refers to the holiday as *Yom Truah*, the day of sounding the horn. That would make the auditory experience, the act of hearing the call of the Shofar, one of the few traditions and ancient rituals we share with our ancestors in a very similar form. I believe that the different sounds of the Shofar, which begin on Rosh Hashanah and end the final service of Yom Kippur, offer Jews a way to move from OY to Joy! What is also clear is the seminal role our synagogue plays in all of this.

*Tekiah* is a long note which has been understood as a call to gather and reflect on who we are and what we represent to the world. *Tekiah* is a note associated with a coronation of G-d as King of the Universe. Understood more fully, we Jews are the witnesses to a great tradition, important wisdom and a remarkable way of life. The first note summons us to see ourselves not as others portray us, but by the standards we hold ourselves to as a community. At a time which feels so hostile to Jews, Anshe Emet is a place where we can come together and engage in the profound meaning of Jewish community and connection.

*Shvarim*, offering the three broken notes, points us toward the introspection necessary to repair that which is presently broken. It represents a call to action. It is our tradition that calls on us to look honestly and openly at what we have done right and what we have done wrong. However, the purpose of the exercise is to go beyond self-recrimination and act in ways that can change the trajectory of our lives and our communities through the healing work that comes through *Teshuvah*.

Our congregation not only offers the spiritual pathways through prayer and study, but also the place to address the differences within the Jewish community and find a place for respectful dialogue.

*Truah* is made up of nine staccato blasts which are understood as the sound of a cry or awakening. It is vital that we reflect on the events that have transpired over the past year with clear eyed honesty, whether the rise of anti-Semitism and its connection to anti-Zionism, the upheaval in American society, the vitriol on social media, or the divisions in the Jewish community. While there is plenty of OY to go around, it is not enough to identify problems. One of the most important lessons that our High Holy Days liturgy teaches is that human beings have agency and have the power to change their circumstances. All of these are vital issues that must be addressed by the Jews as a community and as Americans. In the coming year, Anshe Emet will continue to be a place where important issues are discussed with some of the most thoughtful leaders, and different viewpoints can be heard.

The transition from OY to Joy comes in the form of the *Tekiah Gedolah: the great Shofar blast*. The sound is likened to *shofrot* of Sinai and the call of the Messianic era. In other words, the *Tekiah Gedolah* is a call of hope that comes every year despite our circumstances. As Jews have discovered in every age, the answers that we seek are as much within us as they are without. The basic aspects of Jewish life, Shabbat, study, holiday observance, and prayer, are the places where we find the joy of a fulfilled Jewish life emanates.

On the High Holy Days, I will again try and imagine what the world will look like a year from now, knowing that it is unpredictable. I also know that Jewish community matters and that, together, we have the ability to face the challenges ahead and build a better future. As we transition from 5785 to 5786, let us go forward and discover the joys in the midst of the oys.

Janet joins me, along with the entire Anshe Emet Clergy and Staff, in wishing you a *Shana Tova U'Metukah*: a happy and sweet New Year.

# HIGH HOLY DAY MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT **5786: A YEAR OF RENEWAL AND GRATITUDE**

As we enter this season of reflection, gratitude, and hope, I find myself especially moved by the transformation taking place within our Anshe Emet community—not only in spirit, but quite literally within the walls of our sacred home.

This past year, we have seen our campus come to life in new and exciting ways. Our physical spaces are evolving to better meet the needs of our growing and vibrant community. From classrooms to common spaces, every corner of our building is being thoughtfully reimagined—not simply for aesthetics, but to foster deeper connection, learning, and prayer.

None of this would be possible without the visionary leadership and tireless dedication of many. I want to express deep gratitude to Howard Tullman, Seymour Turner, Ruth Rau, and Lauren Coburn Levitt, who have each played a critical role in helping guide this work. Most especially, we are indebted to Rabbi Michael Siegel, whose passion for our congregation and whose leadership in this campaign has been nothing short of extraordinary.

To all those who have given generously—whether through time, wisdom, or financial support—*thank you*. Your investment ensures that Anshe Emet remains not only a beacon of Jewish life today, but for generations to come.

As we look ahead to 5786, we are filled with anticipation for the next phase of our *Kadima!* campaign. More exciting projects lie ahead and opportunities to fortify our special home—each one designed to strengthen the core of who we are as a community.

I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to Dani Lazar for her incredible leadership and friendship, and to give thanks to David Medow for his wonderful partnership as our new Executive Vice President.

May this be a year of continued blessings, of peace, of health, and of meaningful connection. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you and your loved ones a *Gut Yontif* and *Gut Yor*, and a *Shanah Tovah U'Metukah*—a sweet, healthy, and fulfilling New Year.

With gratitude,

*Sam Schwartz-Fenwick*



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## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

### HAZAK: SENIOR LEARNING

*Mondays  
Lunch 12:30PM (CDT)  
Class 1PM (CDT)*

Bring a friend in person or feel free to join us online in your time zone, coast-to-coast. HaZaK is taught by Rabbi Benjy Forester.

### CANASTA

*Wednesdays Beginning  
September 10 • 6:30PM*

Learn to play canasta in our Introduction to Canasta class with teacher Andrea Hirschfeld. Then practice your new skills during our canasta playing hours.

**Introduction to Canasta: Sundays at 9AM**  
October 19, 26, November 2, 9

**Canasta Playing: Sundays at 9AM  
and Wednesdays at 6:30PM**  
October 22, 29, November 5, 9, 12, 19,  
December 3, 10, 14, 17



### BLOOD DRIVE WITH VITALANT & MAGEN DAVID ADOM

*Sunday, September 7  
8:30AM - 2:30PM*

Benefiting the people of Chicago today  
and ensuring blood for Israel tomorrow.

How you can help Israelis today if they need blood tomorrow? For now, Israel has enough blood to meet existing needs. But that could change instantly in the case of continued war, natural disaster, or other unforeseen emergencies. When you donate blood, you help ensure Blood Centers of America is ready to provide blood to Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency services system, whenever it might be needed. Help your local community while providing Israel with an insurance policy, too. If you are able, please consider donating blood at our upcoming drive.

SCAN HERE  
TO SCHEDULE



### ANNUAL ANSHE EMET COMMUNITY BBQ



*Sunday, September 7 • 12PM*

Join us for Anshe Emet's Annual Summer BBQ!

Come celebrate a fabulous Summer and great year ahead at Anshe Emet's Annual Community BBQ. Welcome new members and enjoy the company of old friends. Savor the tastes and smells of great food under the late summer sun.





## NEW MEMBER DINNER



Monday, October 13 • 5:30PM

Join us for an opportunity to meet other members new to the Anshe Emet Community as well as Anshe Emet Clergy and Staff.

There is no cost for new members, but please be sure to RSVP!



## ELUL LEARNING WITH RABBI JEFFREY SALKIN

Tuesdays, September 2 & 16 • 7PM

Join us online for a two-part Elul conversation between Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin and Rabbi Michael Siegel. The first session will focus on Jewish Prayer and the second on the High Holy Day Machzor. **Virtual only.**

## ELUL LEARNING AT AES



## TALMUD TUESDAYS WITH RABBI BENJY



Begins Tuesday, October 21 • 7:30PM

Calling all Talmud-lovers and Talmud-curious individuals! The Talmud is an incredible corpus of rabbinic thought, filled with laws, stories, and disagreements on every page. Join us for this *Beit Midrash* style class as we study Talmud throughout the year, sharpening our understanding of both its content and structure. Learners of all levels welcome. Dates include: Tuesdays, October 21, November 4, 18, December 2, January 13, 27, May 5, 19, June 2, 16.



## ELUL KOHELET CLASS WITH JACOB CYTRYN

Saturdays, Sept. 6, 20 27, & Oct. 4 • 1PM

Study together one of the core texts of Sukkot and the entire High Holy Day cycle, *Megillat Kohelet* (Ecclesiastes). Tackling three chapters each week on Shabbat after kiddush lunch, we'll engage with the original text in Hebrew and translation, informed by the contributions of academic Bible scholarship and contemporary religious and spiritual commentaries. All learners are welcome. **In person only.**



## SOMETHING FOR US SHABBAT DINNER



Friday, October 24 • 7:15PM

Join our Shabbat service led by AES clergy, followed by a dinner for the Something For Us (55+) group.



## TESHUVA THROUGH ART: A JEWISH SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL WITH CANTOR BROOK & RENA GROSSER



**gather**

Thursday, September 18  
7PM

As the High Holy Days approach, we are called into a sacred season of introspection, renewal, and transformation. *Teshuva Through Art* invites participants into a unique spiritual experience that blends Jewish tradition with the power of creative self-expression.

Rooted in the themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur—remembrance, accountability, forgiveness, and return—this immersive workshop series offers a space to explore the inner landscape of the soul through guided art-making, text study, and reflective practice. **In person only.**

# AES MUSIC CENTER



## RACHEL BROOK

*Senior Cantor*

*The Arnold H. Kaplan,  
M.D. Cantorial Chair  
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### AES JAM BAND: THE FRIDAY NITE LIGHTS LED BY JEREMY BERKUN

Are you an instrumentalist looking for a fun place to play music with others? Join the AES Jam Band on Sundays from 12:30PM-2PM starting September 14 as Jeremy Berkun leads us in Jewish music both new and old. Previous music experience required (*able to read music/chords and minimum 3 years of proficiency on your instrument*). This group is open to participants ages 13+.

Please reach out to Aviva Lupovitch at [alupovitch@ansheemet.org](mailto:alupovitch@ansheemet.org) if interested.

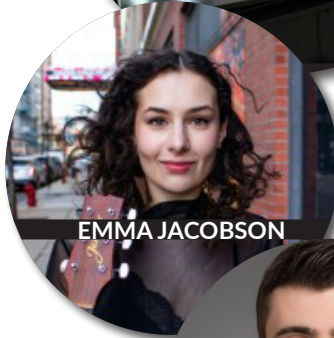
### ELUL SONG SESSION: SINGING UNDER THE STARS WITH CANTORS BROOK & ROSENBERG

*Thursday, September 4 • 7PM*

Renew your spirit and prepare for the High Holy Days through song with our Cantors. Bring your voices and join us outside as we open our hearts during the month of Elul.



KOL HANOAR PRACTICE



EMMA JACOBSON



JOEY BECKER

### INTRODUCING JEREMY BERKUN OUR SHABBAT HANOAR MUSICIAN AND JAM BAND LEADER!



Jeremy Berkun is a senior at Northwestern University, where he is studying Music with a minor in Jewish Studies. Originally from Aventura, Florida, Jeremy has been deeply involved in Jewish life and musical leadership throughout high school and college. He currently serves as the Vice President of Northwestern Hillel and is an active member of several campus music ensembles. With a passion for Jewish music and building community through song, Jeremy is thrilled to bring his energy and experience to Anshe Emet both in services and with the synagogue's Jam Band!

## AES ENSEMBLES

### K-4TH GRADE YOUTH CHOIR LED BY CANTOR ROSENBERG



Anyone who loves to sing in Kindergarten through 4th grade is invited to join for rehearsals on Sundays, 12:15PM-1PM, when religious school is in session. We'll lead musical moments throughout the year for the Anshe Emet community, including on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Neilah, Friday evening Shabbat services, and more! Older kids in the group will have solo and small group opportunities as well.

### KOL HANOAR: 5TH-8TH GRADE CHOIR LED BY CANTOR RACHEL BROOK



Inviting all aspiring choir members to join Cantor Brook for rehearsals this fall, in preparation to perform in our annual Kaplan Concert on Sunday, December 7. We will be holding rehearsals once a week in the month leading up to the Kaplan concert.

### SHIREINU: ANSHE EMET'S VOLUNTEER CHOIR LED BY TORY MAY

If you love to express yourself through music and you love to sing, then Shireinu is for you! Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6-7PM starting September 4. Please contact Tory May at [vmay@ansheemet.org](mailto:vmay@ansheemet.org).

### HANNUKAT HASUKKAH OCTOBER 6TH: SONG SESSION WITH JOEY BECKER AND EMMA JACOBSON

Join us at Anshe Emet as we inaugurate the new Karole Frank Sukkah Garden and bring in Sukkot together with a special song session lead by **Joey Becker** and **Emma Jacobson**.

# YAD AT AES / RITUAL

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION IS FOR MEMBERS  
AGES 22-36 YEARS OLD.



## SARA VENTURA

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YOUNG  
ADULT  
DIVISION for ages 22-36

## YAD CHALLAH BACK: A RETRO SHABBAT REWIND



Friday, September 5 • 6PM

From tie-dye challah and a mac and cheese bar to classic toys, ice cream sundaes, and root beer floats, we'll celebrate the joy of simpler times. Together, we'll look back on the moments that shaped us and look ahead to the future with intention and connection. Join us for community services starting at 6PM and dinner at 7PM. \$15 Anshe Emet Members / \$20 Anshe Emet Non-Members.

## YAD SHABBAT SHAKSHUKA IN THE SUKKAH



Friday, October 10 • 6PM

Join us for our Sukkot YAD Shabbat! We will be joining the Anshe Emet community Friday Night services at 6PM, and then having a YAD Shabbat dinner at 7:15PM in the Sukkah! We will be enjoying two different types of Shakshuka and a make your own Gin and Tonic bar (alcoholic & non-alcoholic options available). \$20 Anshe Emet Members / \$25 Anshe Emet Non-Members.

## YAD PICKLEBALL: WEDNESDAYS



Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States, and YAD is proudly contributing to this growth! Our fall season starts Wednesday, October 29 and goes through to Wednesday, December 10. This is a great way to make friends and practice your Pickleball skills! We have two leagues each Wednesday, a 6:30PM league for beginners and 7:30PM league for intermediate/advanced players. Scan the code above to join!

## YAD BASKETBALL: THURSDAYS



Interested in YAD Basketball? Join us every Thursday for the right amount of friendly pick-up basketball competition. Learn more and sign up by joining the Facebook group. Scan the code above to join!



## YAIR BERNSTEIN

Director of Ritual Advancement  
ybernstein@ansheemet.org



**LULAV & ETROG SET ORDERS:** As in previous years, we have partnered with a supplier to provide high-quality Lulav and Etrog sets. Please scan the code below to purchase your set. **The last day to order is Tuesday, Sept. 15.**



**IN-PERSON MORNING MINYAN:** We are happy to announce that, beginning this fall, morning Minyan will be in-person (hybrid) on the following days:

- **Sundays** 8:30AM (virtual only)
- **Mondays** 7AM-8AM followed by a 20-minute "Mishna Mondays" class led by Rabbi Benji (hybrid)
- **Thursdays** 7AM-8AM (hybrid)
- **Fridays** 7AM-8AM (hybrid)

This is a great way to start your day, and we always have some muffins and coffee for you to enjoy! Please consider joining us.

**SHABBAT MORNING TORAH READING:** We are always looking for Torah readers for Shabbat morning in the sanctuary! If you are interested in reading, please scan the QR code and add your name by the date and Aliyah that work for you. Then email me to let me know you signed up.

SCAN TO HELP  
READ TORAH







## MARDI CAMINER

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## TACOS & TEACHERS



*Tuesday, September 4 • 5:30PM*

Join us at Anshe Emet for dinner with the Religious School community. Meet your teachers for the upcoming school year and see friends old and new!

## FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

*Sunday, September 7*

We accept students at any time of year! Interested in enrolling? Email **Mardi Caminer** at [mcaminer@ansheemet.org](mailto:mcaminer@ansheemet.org)

## 8TH GRADE LAKEVIEW SERIES



This year we are offering two 8th grade series throughout the 2025-26 school year. We are partnering with Temple Sholom for both of our series. All Jewish 8th graders are invited to join for one or both unique 4-week series.

We will learn about the different denominations of Judaism and about Israel. The sessions occur on four consecutive Sundays lasting from 9:30AM-11AM. During the first series, the group will be travel to Temple Sholom, Anshe Emet and Anshe Sholom to learn about Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism. For our second series, we are partnering with the iCenter to build our understanding of Israel. Please note, if you would like to register multiple teens, you will need to submit the form multiple times.

**Series 1 Dates** | 9:30-11AM: October 26, November 2, November 9, & November 16

**Series 2 Dates** | 9:30-11AM: January 11, January 25, February 1, & February 8

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN BBYO!

**BBYO Info Session**  
*Tuesday, September 16*



### Highlights from this year:

- 21 Madrichim in the Religious School
- Over 30 teens engaged with our Am Yisrael High learning opportunity for high schoolers
- 56 AES teens are members of BBYO
- Over 25 teens joined for our Purim Undernighter
- 2 Tikkun Olam Opportunities
- 3 events with teens from Bright Star Church



## AM YISRAEL HIGH



Am Yisrael High is a module-based learning experience for 9th-12th graders that will cover topics such as Israel, religion and science, and entrepreneurship. There are also two around the world learning sessions offered throughout the year. Each lesson will run from 11:30AM to 12:30PM on certain Sundays. Please see below to save the dates!

### Module 1:

The State of the Jewish State:  
Being a Teen Zionist Today | *October 26; November 2, 9*

Around the World 1 | *January 11*

### Module 2:

Religion and Science: The Best of Frenemies | *January 25; February 1, 8*

Around the World 2 | *March 15*

### Module 3:

Shark Gefilte Fish Tank: Teen Jewish Entrepreneurs! | *April 19, 26; May 3*

## SNACKS UNDER THE SUKKAH



*Sunday, October 5 • 2:30PM*

Join us for a meaningful and fun Sukkot outing! We'll visit the Self-Help Home to learn about their history, write Sukkot cards to the residents, then spend time chatting and having snacks with the residents under the sukkah. It's a great chance to bring joy to others, celebrate the holiday, and connect across generations.

# YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES



## YOUNG FAMILY SHABBAT IN THE SUKKAH



Friday, October 10 • 4:45PM

Come celebrate Shabbat Sukkot outside in the Anshe Emet sukkah! We'll sing, dance, pray, and *leishev basukkah* (dwell in the Sukkah) with a family-friendly dinner.

See the schedule below:

4:45PM: Snacks

5PM: Young Family Service

5:30PM: Dinner in the Sukkah



## DAY OFF PROGRAM

Throughout the 2025-2026 school year, Anshe Emet will be hosting three fun-filled programs on days when CPS is closed for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade. We will be crafting, playing outside and more! Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided. These programs are from 9AM to 5PM. There is an option for members to drop their children off at 8:30AM at an additional cost. Our first program is Monday, October 27, 2025.



## NOAH'S ARK ANIMAL SHOW



Sunday, October 26 • 12PM

Join us for a wild and wonderful animal adventure! After reading Parashat Noach about Noah's Ark, join us to see some of these amazing animals with your own eyes. Children in Junior Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited for a dairy lunch and an exotic animal show. Religious School students will be taken directly from class to the program.



## BABY BEGINNINGS

Looking for a way to meet other families with babies under 1 year old? Join us Friday mornings from 9:30AM-11AM at Anshe Emet! In partnership with JBaby, we bring in experts in the field to sing, stretch, engage in sensory play and more! Classes occur August-May and fill up fast! \$12 a class per family – thanks to a generous JBaby grant!



## Brand New Program!



Nosh  
with  
Micah

ANSHE  
EATS

## TINY TASTES OF TRADITION



Sundays • 9:30AM-10:30AM

**Jewish Cooking for Littles!** Join chef Micah Siva to dive into cooking with your little one (2-4 years old). Micah Siva is a chef, recipe developer, dietician and author of *Nosh with Micah*. This class will be full of sensory play and incorporate Jewish traditional foods. Sign up for one, two or all three sessions! Spots are limited. October 26, November 9, December 14.



## CONNECTING THE EXPECTING

Are you expecting your first child this upcoming year? Anshe Emet's and JBaby's Connecting the Expecting program brings you a community of other new parents to engage with as you start your family. Open to expectant single moms and couples (LGBTQ couples welcome) who are expecting the birth or adoption of their first baby, in which at least one member of the couple is Jewish. Cohort 44 starts October 21 and is for families expecting in December, January and February!

# AES AFFINITY GROUPS & COMMUNITY



## CJE'S MY GO-TO PLACE: ASK AN EXPERT: OPEN ENROLLMENT

*Tuesday, September 16 • 1PM*

Are you ready for Medicare Open Enrollment? Join CJE SeniorLife for a primer on Medicare with Esther Craven, Certified Senior Health Insurance Program Counselor. Esther will give a timely presentation on Medicare basics with tips on navigating Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment: October 15–December 7. **This is an in person only event.**



## JCC COMMUNITY DAYS

*Wednesday, October 22 • 12PM*

JCC Chicago and CJE Senior Life present Community Days: Programs offering enrichment for mind, body and spirit. Support for this program has been graciously provided by The Albert and Lucille Deligher and Marcella Winston Foundation, a Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.



AES SISTERHOOD WISHES OUR 140+ MEMBERS AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY A MEANINGFUL 5786!

### HIGH SCHOOL GRAD CONNECTION FOR HANUKKAH IS BACK!

High School Grad Connection aims to keep AES young adults connected to Anshe Emet. The AES Sisterhood, in collaboration with AES, will send gifts this fall to celebrate Hanukkah. Our young adults, who have completed high school up to age 23, are eligible to receive a package. There is no charge for this treat. Please help us connect with your high school grads!

To participate, send an email to Marla Gordon at [marlasg@aol.com](mailto:marlasg@aol.com) no later than Friday November 14 and provide: Your name / Recipient's name / Recipient's address

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **Annual Meeting** in the Sukkah will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 6PM. Note the later time because of the Chicago Marathon. Join us for conversation, entertainment and enjoy a delicious meal, too. This event is free to members and \$36.00 for non-members.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

We continue our **monthly Pickleball** Game on Wednesday evenings with Men's Club. Members play for free and all equipment is provided by AES.

Our **Sisterhood Book Group** is getting ready for its fall session. The first title will be *Orbital* by Samatha Harvey on Thursday, September 4th in person at AES. If you are interested, please contact Judy Metzger at [hgmet1@aol.com](mailto:hgmet1@aol.com). Please note, AES Sisterhood Book Group decided unanimously to NOT read any book by an author, translator or illustrator who has signed the letter requesting the boycott of Israel and Israeli authors.

### WE ARE PLANNING ADDITIONAL ENGAGING PROGRAMS. SO, BE SURE TO CHECK FUTURE AES COMMUNICATIONS.

*Sisterhood is an affiliate of Women's League for Conservative Judaism—website [wlcj.org](http://wlcj.org). Women's League offers a wide range of online educational programs, including Zoom conversations with Masorti congregations in Israel. Your membership automatically provides access to this impressive resource.*

Marcie Marcovitz  
President

Deborah Gubin  
Vice-President

Anshe Emet



TO LEARN MORE CHECK THE AES WEBSITE AND YOUR WEEKLY MONDAY THIS WEEK @ ANSHE EMAILS

### PICKLEBALL

Wednesdays, September 3 & October 22 • 6PM-8:30PM

Men's Club has open pickleball for Men's Club and Sisterhood members in the synagogue gym – usually each month on the first Wednesday (note October exception). Experienced players and beginners are welcome. We provide the equipment, so you just come ready to play. For more information, contact Barry Balik at [bmbguy03@yahoo.com](mailto:bmbguy03@yahoo.com). No charge.

### HEARING MEN'S VOICES (HMOV)

Wednesday, September 10 • 7PM

Join us for a brief presentation and discussion about Fostering Healthy Relationships in the Jewish Community. We will discuss the ways in which men can promote safety by intervening when interactions between men embrace negative stereotypes or become denigrating and harmful to others. This program will be facilitated by Jeff Blumenfeld, volunteer for SHALVA who has worked in social services for over 25 years as an educator, therapist, and program director for JCFS Chicago. If you have any questions, or would like to propose a future topic, please contact Jay Lewkowitz at [jaylewkowitz@gmail.com](mailto:jaylewkowitz@gmail.com).

### AUTUMN NATURE WALK BY THE LAKE

Sunday, September 14 • 10AM–12PM

**SOCIALIZE • EXERCISE • REVITALIZE.** Come along with us for an exceptional outdoor experience at the Lake. We'll meet at Anshe Emet and proceed to the Clock Tower and hike to the Bird Sanctuary at Montrose Harbor. The distance is approximately 1.5 miles each way. Bring a lunch and schmooze after our walk. There is no cost, but please register so we can plan accordingly. Questions? Contact Jay Lewkowitz at [jaylewkowitz@gmail.com](mailto:jaylewkowitz@gmail.com).

### **STEAK & SHOTS IN THE SUKKAH**

Thursday, October 9 • 6:30PM

Join us for great food, masterfully prepared by resident grillmaster, Gil Matar. The event also includes expert presentation and tasting of fine whiskeys. This year we are honoring Rabbi Michael & Janet Siegel. For more information, contact Larry Kosova at [lkosova@yahoo.com](mailto:lkosova@yahoo.com).

Kol Tuv,

**Barry Seeskin**

President, Anshe Emet Men's Club



# HIGH HOLY DAYS AT AES

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ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE

### WELCOME TO THE HIGH HOLY DAYS AT ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE.

We look forward to seeing you in the synagogue this year as we come together as one community for meaningful, spiritual, and uplifting worship services. Please remember, our Anshe Emet clergy and staff are here to serve you, so be sure to check our website, give us a call, or drop by our offices for more information or help with any of your questions.

*We can't wait to see you during the Chagim!*

## WELCOME CENTER AT AES

Our **ANSHE EMET WELCOME CENTER**, located via the **Broadway Street entrance**, will once again be open for **ALL guests to enter through**, other than those with tickets in hand for the Main Sanctuary and Balcony. Guests who have received their Sanctuary and Balcony tickets in the mail, and do not need to pick their tickets up at Will Call, or check-in for Youth Programming, are still invited to enter through the Pine Grove St. entrance.

**YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND CHILDCARE REGISTRATION** and check-in will also take place at the **ANSHE EMET WELCOME CENTER** located at the **Broadway Street entrance**.

*Learn more online!*

[ANSHEEMET.ORG/HHD](https://ansheemet.org/hhd)

## GENERAL 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 Minyan T'Ruah services), and Malkov Chapel (for Minyan Rimón). Descriptions of services can be found on the worship service schedules listed on pages 11 through 12 of this bulletin. The Main Sanctuary will also be available for viewing via livestream with closed captioning on the AES website.

## INCLUSIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

Anshe Emet is committed to offering inclusive accommodations to all members of its congregation. The Kehilla Kedosha Committee (Inclusion Committee) is proud to offer the following accommodations for congregants during the High Holy Days:

- A quiet room
- Preferred accessible seating available in most services
- Assistive listening devices in the Main Sanctuary
- ASL Interpreter in Blum Social Hall
- Large print mahzorim
- Printed copies of sermons available at the concierge desk
- Livestream with captioning during the Main Sanctuary services
- Fidgets at every point of entry

We kindly request you refrain from wearing strong fragrances as some community members have allergies.

## Parking at AES

The Anshe Emet parking lot is reserved for people who display a valid handicap placard from the State of Illinois. We suggest using public transportation, or other ridesharing services.



## YOM KIPPUR STUDY BREAK WITH YOSSI KLEIN HALEVI

*Thursday, October 2 • 2:30PM*

See our recorded interview between Rabbi Michael Siegel and Yossi Klein Halevi during the 2:30PM break on Yom Kippur. This special event will also be livestreamed.

**In-Person in the Blum Community Hall and livestreamed online.**



## Anshe Emet Ushers

It takes a dedicated team to create the meaningful, organized, and inclusive environment we cherish at

Anshe Emet during the High Holy Days. By volunteering as an usher, you'll help fulfill the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim—welcoming others into our sacred space. Now is the time to step up and serve! Sign up for one or more ushering shifts and be a part of what makes our community so special. **Questions?** Reach out to **Carol Karlinsky** at [ckarlinsky@ansheemet.org](mailto:ckarlinsky@ansheemet.org) or call **773.868.5126**.

**WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT—AND WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**



# HIGH HOLY DAYS AT AES

## Sanctuary and Balcony Services

*All Sanctuary services will be livestreamed and live captioned.*

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH • Monday, September 22

7PM - Ma'ariv (Open Seating)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 • Tuesday, September 23

8:30AM - Shacharit (Open Seating)

9:45AM - Torah Service (assigned seating resumes)

followed by Sermon at ~11:15AM

5PM - Community Tashlich with Mincha & Ma'ariv

(at the Waveland Clocktower)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 • Wednesday, September 24

8:30AM - Shacharit (Open Seating)

9:45AM - Torah Service (Open Seating)

followed by Sermon at ~11:15AM

### KOL NIDRE • Wednesday, October 1

5:30PM - Doors open

5:45PM - Kol Nidre Service

(assigned seating; candle lighting 6:14PM)

### YOM KIPPUR • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30AM - Shacharit (Open Seating)

10AM - Torah Service (assigned seating resumes)

followed by Sermon at ~11:30AM

1:30PM - Yizkor

2:45PM - Recorded Conversation with Yossi Klein Halevi

in Blum Community Hall (also available online)

4PM - Mincha (Open Seating)

5:40PM - Neilah (Open Seating)

7:10PM - Shofar

## Blum Community Hall Services

*Blum Services will include an ASL interpreter.*

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH • Monday, September 22

*There are no Erev services in Blum.*

*There is open seating in the Sanctuary and Balcony.*

7PM - Ma'ariv (Sanctuary; open seating)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 • Tuesday, September 23

8:30AM - Shacharit (Sanctuary; open seating)

9:45AM - Torah Service followed by Sermon at ~11:15AM (Blum)

5PM - Community Tashlich with Mincha & Ma'ariv

(at the Waveland Clocktower)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 • Wednesday, September 24

*There are no 2nd day services in Blum.*

*There is open seating in the Sanctuary and Balcony.*

8:30AM - Shacharit (Sanctuary; open seating)

9:45AM - Torah Service followed by Sermon at ~11:15AM

(Sanctuary; open seating)

### KOL NIDRE • Wednesday, October 1

5:30PM - Doors open

6PM - Kol Nidre Service (candle lighting 6:14PM)

### YOM KIPPUR • Thursday, October 2

8:30AM - Shacharit (Sanctuary; open seating)

10AM - Torah Service followed by Sermon at ~11:30AM (Blum)

1:30PM - Yizkor (Blum)

2:45PM - Recorded Conversation with Yossi Klein Halevi

in Blum Community Hall (also available online)

4PM - Mincha (Sanctuary; open seating)

5:40PM - Neilah (Sanctuary; open seating)

7:10PM - Shofar

## Family Services

*Young Family services are held in the Blum Social Hall except where otherwise indicated.*

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 • Tuesday, September 23

8:45AM - Young Family Service (for families w/children 5 and under)

5PM - Community Tashlich with Mincha & Ma'ariv (at the Waveland Clocktower)



## Minyan T'Ruah Services

*Minyan T'Ruah services are held in the 4th Floor Gym except where otherwise indicated. Combined Services may differ in style.*

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH • Monday, September 22

7PM - Ma'ariv (Malkov Chapel; combined w/Minyan Rimon)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 • Tuesday, September 23

8:30AM - Shacharit

9:45AM - Torah Service

5PM - Community Tashlich with Mincha & Ma'ariv  
(at the Waveland Clocktower)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 • Wednesday, September 24

8:30AM - Shacharit

9:45AM - Torah Service

### KOL NIDRE • Wednesday, October 1

5:30PM - Doors Open

5:50PM - Mincha

6:15PM - Kol Nidre

### YOM KIPPUR • Thursday, October 2

8:30AM Shacharit

- 10AM - Torah Service

11:15AM - Yizkor

2:45PM - Recorded Conversation with Yossi Klein Halevi  
in Blum Community Hall (also available online)

4:10PM - Mincha (4th Floor Gym; combined w/Minyan Rimon)

5:40PM - Neilah (4th Floor Gym; combined w/Minyan Rimon)

7:10PM - Shofar (4th Floor Gym; combined w/Minyan Rimon)

## Minyan Rimon Services

*Minyan Rimon services are held in the Malkov Chapel except where otherwise indicated. Combined Services may differ in style..*

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH • Monday, September 22

7PM - Ma'ariv (Malkov Chapel; combined w/Minyan T'ruah)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 • Tuesday, September 23

8:30AM - Shacharit

9:45AM - Torah Service

5PM - Community Tashlich with Mincha & Ma'ariv  
(at the Waveland Clocktower)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 • Wednesday, September 24

8:30AM - Shacharit

9:45AM - Torah Service

### KOL NIDRE • Wednesday, October 1

5:30PM - Doors open

6:15PM - Kol Nidre

### YOM KIPPUR • Thursday, October 2

8:30AM - Shacharit

10AM - Torah Service

11:15AM - Yizkor

2:45PM - Recorded Conversation with Yossi Klein Halevi  
in Blum Community Hall (also available online)

4:10PM - Mincha (4th Floor Gym; combined w/Minyan T'ruah)

5:40PM - Neilah (4th Floor Gym; combined w/Minyan T'ruah)

7:10PM - WW (4th Floor Gym; combined w/Minyan T'ruah)

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 • Wednesday, September 24

8:45AM - Young Family Service (for families w/children 5 and under)

### YOM KIPPUR • Thursday, October 2

8:45AM - Young Family Service (for families w/children 5 and under)

6:15PM-7PM - Family Neilah Service (ALL ages welcome)





# HIGH HOLY DAYS AT AES

## Youth HHD Programs & Services

### COMMUNITY BBQ

Sunday, September 7

All families are welcome to join us for the Community BBQ. We will have crafts for the kids to reflect and celebrate the month of Elul, leading up to our High Holy Days.

### YOUNG FAMILY SERVICES

For Families with children 5 and under at 8:45AM in Blum Community Hall on Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Rosh Hashanah Day 2 & Yom Kippur.

### FAMILY SERVICES

We will have family-friendly Tashlich at the Waveland Clocktower on Tuesday, September 23 at 5PM and a Family Neilah Service on Thursday, October 2 at 6:15PM.

On Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Rosh Hashanah Day 2 & Yom Kippur families are able to sign their children up for Youth Programming which includes services for children in 1st through 6th grade.

**CHILDCARE AND YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSHE EMET MEMBERS ONLY AND FAMILIES MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE.**

**Tuesday, September 23 & Wednesday, September 24: Rosh Hashanah and October 2: Yom Kippur**

18 months through Kindergarten: Childcare classrooms will open at 9AM and close at 1:30PM. Guests to read stories, blow shofar and more will be visiting!

We are offering educational programs for 1st through 12th graders focused on High Holy Day learning and Reflection! Classrooms are open 9:30AM-1:30PM with programming occurring 10AM-1PM.

Lunch will be provided each day for children 18 months through 6th grade. 7th through 12th graders will have lunch on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Day 2.

### FOR 8TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS, WE ARE

#### OFFERING:

Teen focused programs sprinkled throughout the morning: Guest speakers, study with Rabbi Benjy and more!

A Bagel Brunch will be provided on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Day 2.

**MADRICHIM PLACEMENTS:** Support the synagogue and work with youth programming. Options are available 9:30AM-1:30PM.

On Kol Nidre (October 1), we will have childcare available for children 18 months through 5th grade from 5:30PM-8:30PM.



SIGN UP FOR  
HHD YOUTH  
PROGRAMMING



SIGN UP FOR  
HHD MADRICHIM  
PROGRAM

## Sukkot

### Family Services

Tuesday, October 7 (*Sukkot Day 1*)  
10AM & 11AM

### Youth Programs to learn more about Sukkot

Wednesday, October 8 (*Sukkot Day 2*)

### Young Family Shabbat in the Sukkah

Friday, October 10

4:45PM

Come celebrate Shabbat Sukkot outside in the Anshe Emet sukkah! We'll sing, dance, pray, and leishev basukkah (dwell in the Sukkah) with a family-friendly dinner. See the schedule below:

4:45PM: Snacks

5PM: Young Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:30PM: Dinner in the Sukkah

### Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah

#### & Simchat Torah

Tuesday, October 14 (*Shemini Atzeret*)

### Family Services

10AM & 11AM

### READiculous

4:30PM Young children are invited to join as kids in 2nd grade and older (pre-b'nai mitzvah) are invited to read Torah in this annual Family event

### Community Dinner

5:30PM

### 3rd and Up Program before Hakafot

6PM

### Youth Programs

Wednesday, October 15 (*Simchat Torah*)



## ARK High Holy Day Collections

As we enter the High Holy Days, we are reminded that one in five Jewish households in the Greater Chicagoland area struggles to make ends meet. Anshe Emet is deeply grateful to partner with The ARK, an organization that provides kosher food, personal care items, and household essentials to more than 2,500 Jewish families each year.

From September 22 through October 17, we invite you to join us in this meaningful effort by donating non-perishable kosher items such as canned tuna, canned vegetables, peanut butter, soup, pasta, and rice. Donation bags will be available for pick-up starting September 22, and clearly labeled black bins will be placed in the Welcome Center and in front of the concierge table for your convenience.

THANK YOU FOR  
HELPING US SUPPORT  
OUR COMMUNITY WITH  
COMPASSION AND  
DIGNITY DURING THIS  
SACRED SEASON.



## Erev Sukkot

Monday, October 6, 2025

5PM Hanukkat HaSukkah  
ceremony

## Sukkot, Day 1

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

9:30AM Sanctuary Service  
9:30AM Rose Crown Minyan Service  
10AM Youth Service  
11AM Youth Service  
12PM Kiddush Lunch

## Sukkot Day 2

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

9:30AM Sanctuary Service  
9:30AM Rose Crown Minyan Service  
10AM Youth Programs  
11AM Youth Programs  
12PM Kiddush Lunch

## Sukkot Day 3

Thursday, October 9, 2025

7AM Morning Minyan  
with Rose Crown Minyan (*hybrid*)  
6:30PM Men's Club Steak & Shots

## Sukkot Day 4

Friday, October 10, 2025

7AM Morning Minyan  
with Sisterhood (*hybrid*)  
8:45AM Parsha Class  
4:45PM Young Family  
Shabbat in the Sukkah  
6PM Community Shabbat Service  
7PM YAD Shabbat Dinner:  
Shakshuka in the Sukkah

## Sukkot Day 5

Saturday, October 11, 2025

9:30AM Sanctuary Service  
9:30AM Rose Crown Minyan Service  
10:15AM Shalom Shabbat  
11AM Shachar  
11AM Shabbat HaNoar  
12PM Kiddush Lunch  
1:30PM Sukkot is Awesome

## Sukkot Day 6

Sunday, October 12, 2025

*Chicago Marathon*

8:30AM Morning Minyan (*virtual only*)  
6PM Sisterhood Annual Meeting  
in the Sukkah

## Sukkot Day 7

Monday, October 13, 2025

7AM Morning Minyan  
with Men's Club (*hybrid*)  
5:30PM New Member Dinner in the Sukkah

## Shemini Atzeret

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

9:30AM Sanctuary Service with Yizkor  
(~11:45AM) and Geshem service  
9:30AM Rose Crown Minyan Service  
with Yizkor  
10AM Youth Service  
11AM Youth Service  
12PM Kiddush Lunch

## Erev Simchat Torah

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

4:30PM Readiculous  
5:30PM Community Dinner  
6PM 3rd and Up Program before Hakafot  
6:30PM Sanctuary Service with Honors  
6:30PM No Frills Service with Mishkan  
8:30PM Reception

## Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

9:30AM Combined Service in Sanctuary  
(all together for honors)  
10:30AM Hakafot (all together)  
11AM Sanctuary Torah Service:  
Everyone gets an Aliyah!  
11AM Rose Crown Minyan Torah Service  
with individual aliyot  
11AM Youth Programming  
(for 2yrs. - 5th Grade)  
12PM Final Aliyot with Honors  
12:30PM Combined Sanctuary/  
Rose Crown Minyan Musaf  
6PM Kiddush Lunch:  
BBQ in the Sukkah Garden



## 5786/2025 SIMCHAT TORAH HONOREES



**ALLISON HOFFMAN** • *Kallat HaTorah*  
To be honored on Simchat Torah, October 15



**RUTHIE CHARENDOFF** • *Kallat Bereshit*  
To be honored on Simchat Torah, October 15

# YOUR DONATIONS

**CHARITABLE GIVING** is an important part of Judaism, and we are deeply grateful for your support of our Anshe Emet Community. Together, we can continue to maintain and build our exceptional variety of daily and special event programs, create innovative new projects and initiatives, further establish our position as a premiere Conservative synagogue, and plan for tomorrow so that generations to come may experience all that Anshe Emet has to offer.

**THE SUSTAINING FUND** is our congregation's annual significant fundraising campaign which provides support to the creation and continuance of our exceptional programming and meaningful worship. It also allows us to offer membership to all, regardless of ability to pay.

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Son of Karen Dana Cohen  
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September 1, 2025



**REID POLLAK**

Son of Jillian Cole  
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OCTOBER 2025



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**LIV GOODMAN**

Daughter of Jennifer  
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& James Goodman  
October 25, 2025  
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## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

October 27  
(No September session due to the High Holy Days)  
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](https://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](mailto:vmay@ansheemet.org) or 773.868.5120. Names will be kept on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

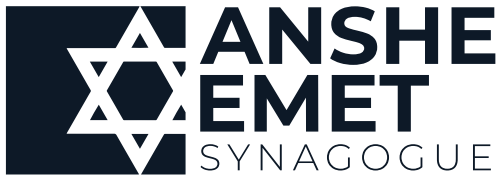
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