

AES BULLETIN

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CAUSING THE LIGHT OF THE HANUKKIAH TO GROW EACH DAY: KINDLING THE LIGHT OF THE JEWISH SPIRIT WITH SARAH HURWITZ

Sometimes an ancient debate can uncover very timely and relevant truths.

While Hanukkah is well established in our Jewish calendar, historically it is our latest holiday. The Festival of Lights is post-Biblical and takes place in Fall of 164 B.C.E. As a result, the way we observe the holiday was still being debated one hundred years later. In a famous debate, Hillel argues that one should begin with one candle and add one more each night, while Shammai advocates for beginning with eight candles on the first night and reducing the numbers afterwards. Hillel reasons that Jews should always increase holiness and never decrease. Hence, to this day, Jews follow the approach of Hillel and create more light as the days of Hanukkah go on.

I have come to believe that Jews have an internal Hanukkah within them. Over the course of my Rabbinate, I have marveled at how that light of Jewish identity, meaning, spirituality and engagement can be ignited and increased. I can speak about this phenomenon personally, as it was not until college that Judaism became fully meaningful to me. It is a source of great inspiration to see the numbers of Jews who increased that very Jewish light in these challenging times since October 7.

A very special Hanukkah gift to our community will be the visit of Sarah Hurwitz. Her story aligns with this idea of finding that internal Hanukkah of the spirit and then increasing its light. Sarah is a very accomplished person, having served as former First Lady Michelle Obama's speech writer. Over the years, she has found greater depth and meaning in all aspects of her Judaism and has written about her journey in a very compelling way. She wrote about that experience in her first book, *Here All Along*, which we were privileged to discuss with her a few years ago

when Sarah visited Anshe Emet. Her new book is entitled: *As a Jew: Reclaiming Our Story from Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us*. In this book, Sarah is going beyond what it takes to grow that Jewish flame, focusing on how to strengthen it against those who seek to douse it in their criticisms of Judaism, Israel, or our people. In short, Sarah is advocating that Jews not allow others to define what Judaism is or is not, but rather see it as a call to discover it for ourselves.

Appropriately, Sarah will join us during one of the nights of Hanukkah on Tuesday, December 16 at 7PM. If you have high school students, or college students who are home for winter break, please encourage them to join us for a powerful conversation about being a Jew today. Sarah has not only made herself familiar with Hillel's teaching regarding the Hanukkah, she has put his words into practice in her own life. Through her books, Sarah has been involved in *ma'alim bakodesh*, increasing the light of this ancient and yet thoroughly modern Jewish flame.

Please join us on December 16 at 7PM, either in person or via livestream.

Best wishes to you and your family for a *Chag Urim Sameah*: A Hanukkah Festival of light and joy!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR AES BOARD PRESIDENT

As we turn the page from the High Holy Days, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible energy and spirit that filled our Synagogue over the past month. The High Holy Days are always a time of deep meaning and renewal, and this year was no exception. Our sanctuary was alive with prayer, music, and community—and that doesn't happen by accident.

First and foremost, I want to express heartfelt gratitude to our clergy and staff. Their tireless dedication made every service, program, and moment possible. From the inspiring sermons and beautiful music to the countless behind-the-scenes details—sound checks, seating arrangements, security, and more—their work ensured that each of us could enter the new year with intention and joy. Their efforts truly embody the spirit of our congregation.

This year, the Chaggim were especially meaningful as they were Rabbi Siegel's last High Holy Days as Senior Rabbi. The standing ovation he received on Rosh Hashanah is emblematic of the love and respect that the Shul has and will always have for Rabbi Siegel.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the year, our *Kadima!* Capital Campaign continues to move forward. "Kadima" means "forward," and that's exactly what this campaign represents: investing in the future of our synagogue so that generations to come can experience the same sense of belonging and purpose that we cherish today. If you haven't yet had a chance to learn more or make your commitment, I encourage you to do so. Every gift—large or small—makes a difference. Together, we can ensure that our physical space reflects the warmth and vitality of our community.

Moving into fall, I hope that you will continue to refer to the Program Guide disseminated over the High Holy Days as well as the synagogue's website. This season is full of opportunities to come together as a community. Whether you're drawn to study, prayer, or simply sharing a meal with friends, there's a place for you here.

Sam Schwartz-Fenwick



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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HAZAK: SENIOR LEARNING

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

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.

MISHNAH MONDAYS WITH RABBI FORESTER

Mondays
8AM • In Person & Livestream

Join us for Mishnah Mondays, where we'll schmooze after minyan over coffee and breakfast and learn a little Mishnah together each week. Learners of all levels are welcome.



CANASTA AT AES

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
November 2, 9, 16

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



TALMUD TUESDAYS WITH RABBI FORESTER

Select Tuesdays
7:30PM • Zoom Only

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 are welcome; all texts will be available in their original language and in translation.



AN EVENING OF INSIGHT AND REFLECTION WITH BRET STEPHENS

Thursday, November 6
7PM • In Person & Livestream

Join us for a remarkable evening as we welcome Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Bret Stephens to speak on: "If Not Now, When?" In a thought-provoking dialogue with Rabbi Michael Siegel, Mr. Stephens will explore timely issues of leadership, responsibility, and the Jewish voice in today's world.



AN EVENING TO DISCUSS AS A JEW WITH SARAH HURWITZ

Tuesday, December 16
7PM • In Person & Livestream

Join Rabbi Siegel as he speaks with Sarah Hurwitz about her new book, *As A Jew*, in which she wrestles with what it means to be Jewish at a time of rising antisemitism.



MELTON: FROM SINAI TO SEINFELD—JEWS AND THEIR JOKES

Thursdays, Nov. 13-Jan. 29
10:30AM

Humor is part of the Jewish soul, offering us the ability to laugh at our tragedies, concerns, and preoccupations. In 10 sessions, this course reveals a treasure of irresistible Jewish jokes, wit, and wisdom. This course invites learners to analyze and interpret the evolving values of the Jewish people buried deep in their comedic expression.



AS IT IS WRITTEN: AN EXPLORATION OF CURRENT & EVOLVING JEWISH LAW

Mondays, Nov. 24-Dec. 15
7:30PM • Zoom Only

In this course taught by Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould, we will learn about the most recent, cutting-edge legal decisions fresh from Conservative movement's Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards. Each class will feature the current author of a consequential decision rendered within the last 5 years.



ANSHE EATS PRESENTS: RUHAMA SHITRIT

Monday, November 17
7PM

Join us for a cooking demonstration and tasting with Ruhama Shitrit! Ruhama Shitrit is an Israeli-American recipe developer and content creator who shares authentic Middle Eastern recipes across Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube through her brand RuhamasFood.



CLERGY IN CONVERSATION: MACCABEE MYTH-BUSTING

Monday, December 22
7PM • Zoom Only

Join the Anshe Emet clergy team as they learn together and discuss themes of upcoming Jewish holidays. Each clergy person will bring their own insight and expertise. We will have the opportunity to learn from their discussions to prepare ourselves for the approaching holidays.



AES COMMUNITY HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 18

Join us on the 5th night of Hanukkah for our annual celebration! Young Families will start the evening at 5PM with singing Hanukkah songs led by Cantors Brook and Rosenberg. Then at 5:30PM, we invite the whole community to a latke dinner followed by lighting the Hanukkah with the AES clergy. At 6:30PM, Young Families head home for bedtime, and our older families and all adults are encouraged to participate in our Eight Candles of Hannuakh Stations. Check the website for more details and registration. We hope to see you there!



FILM SCREENING OF *THE ROAD BETWEEN US*

Tuesday, December 9
7PM • In Person Only

Retired Israeli general Noam Tibon rescues his family from Hamas terrorists who invaded their home during a massacre, sparking an ongoing conflict.

AES MUSIC CENTER



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SHIREINU: ANSHE EMET'S COMMUNITY SINGERS WITH TORY MAY

Friday, December 12 • 6PM

Shireinu will enhance our service with their beautiful voices and harmonies for our Friday night prayers.*

*If you love to sing and would like to join the group, please contact Tory at vmay@ansheemet.org for rehearsal dates, times, and more!

23RD ANNUAL DR. ARNOLD H.

Kaplan Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

The Marcy and Zina Show

Award-winning songwriters Zina Goldrich and Marcy Heisler's ("Taylor the Latte Boy," "Alto's Lament," "Ever After") show is a vivacious, eclectic, romantic, and seriously funny songbook.

Their work has been performed on The Today Show, The Rosie O'Donnell Show, and in concert at Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Opera House, and the White House.

This concert was graciously underwritten by David S. Katz in memory of his beloved parents, Robert Sabbath Katz and Barbara Koretz Katz.



Starring:

Marcy Heisler
Zina Goldrich
Cantor Rachel Brook
and Cantor Josh Rosenberg
with special guests:
Cantor Laurie Akers
Olivia Katz
and Members of our
Kol HaNoar Youth Choir!

We will honor

Dani Lazar
with the
Kinnor Award for Leadership.



SAVE THE DATE!

PURIM SPIEL REHEARSALS

BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Find your inner superhero and join the cast and/or crew of the Anshe Emet Purim Spiel. This year Esther, Mordechai, Vashti, the King, and Haman (boo!) will lift our spirits up, up, and away in our superhero themed Spiel.



SAVE THE DATE!

BERKALIT RETURNS FOR SHABBAT SHIRA!

SHABBAT SHIRA: JANUARY 30 & 31

This wonderful program is underwritten by Judy and Bill Goldberg and the Sarah Danielle Goldberg Cultural Arts Fund at Anshe Emet.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MUSIC CENTER ENSEMBLES, PLEASE CONTACT AVIVA LUPOVITCH AT ALUPOVITCH@ANSHEEMET.ORG.

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SHABBAT IN PINK



Friday, November 7
7PM

Join us for "Shabbat in Pink," a special Shabbat experience in partnership with Sharsheret and YAD. Together, we'll celebrate Shabbat while raising awareness about breast cancer and learning about the vital support Sharsheret provides to individuals and families.



RECLAIMING THE LIGHT: DINNER & DIALOGUE WITH SARAH HURWITZ

Tuesday, December 16
6PM

Join YAD for a special Hanukkah-themed dinner and conversation with acclaimed author and former White House speechwriter Sarah Hurwitz, held ahead of her public dialogue with Rabbi Siegel. In an intimate setting, we'll explore themes from her new book *As A Jew*, including Jewish identity, belonging, and resilience—through the lens of Hanukkah's enduring messages.

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



Thursday, November 20
6:30PM

Join the Chicago Jewish community for Zokherim: We Remember—Trans Day of Remembrance Communal Gathering at Anshe Emet.

This evening of workshops, study, and prayer will feature teachers and community members hosted by Hebrew Seminary and Anshe Emet Synagogue.

PICKLEBALL: WEDNESDAYS



Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States, and YAD is proudly contributing to this growth! Our fall season runs through 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!

BASKETBALL: THURSDAYS



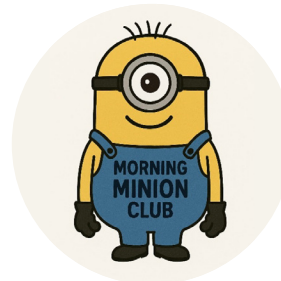
Interested in YAD Basketball? Join us every Thursday for the right amount of friendly pick-up basketball competition. Learn more and sign up by joining the Facebook group. Scan the code above to join!



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Reminder that **Morning Minyan** is hybrid (both in person and via Zoom) on the following days and times:

- **Mondays** 7AM-8AM followed by a 20-minute Mishnah Mondays class led by Rabbi Forester
- **Thursdays** 7AM-8AM
- **Fridays** 7AM-8AM

We are always looking for more people to join so we can have a full 10-person Minyan. 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: Sign up to read Torah! If you are interested in reading, please scan the QR code and add your name by the date and Aliyah that work for you (*you might need to download the excel application, but you DO NOT need a Microsoft account to sign-up*). Then email me to let me know you signed up. If you have used this sign-up system before, please note that you will be directed to an Excel sheet in place of the google sheet we have used before. The process will be the same. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL / TEENS



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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 9:30-11AM. During the first series, the group will 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:

9:30-11AM

November 2, November 9, November 16

Series 2:

9:30-11AM

January 11, January 25, February 1, February 8



ISRAEL
NOW

Join Jewish eighth graders from all over Chicago and embark on a journey to remember. With JUF's IsraelNow Chicago, you'll deepen your relationship to Israel, strengthen your Jewish self-confidence, and expand your peer network, all while exploring must-see spots and making life-long connections. Your IsraelNow trip awaits!



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 | 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



JOIN
BBYO!

**SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**Join our BBYO City Wide
Havdallah at AES!**

YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES



TINY TASTES OF TRADITION

Sundays, Nov. 9 & Dec. 14
9:30AM

Join chef Micah Siva to dive into cooking with your little one (2-4 year olds). Micah Siva is a chef, recipe developer, dietitian, and author of *Nosh with Micah*. This class will be full of sensory play and incorporate Jewish traditional foods. Sign up for one or both sessions! Spots are limited.

Cost:

Members: \$40 per class

Non-Members: \$50 per class



ROCK OF AGES

Saturday, December 6
5:30PM

Get ready to reach new heights this Hanukkah! The entire family is invited to join us for an exciting rock climbing event that celebrates strength, courage, and the Festival of Lights. Delicious Hanukkah treats will be provided. This event will be held at Wrigleyville 1115 W Addison Street Chicago IL 60613.



HAVDALAH & PAJAMA MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, November 15
5:15PM

Inviting all JK-6th graders! Come join us at Anshe Emet for a cozy movie night with popcorn! Two movies will be shown in different rooms to accommodate the wide age range of moviegoers. Wear your comfiest pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow for extra coziness.



CONNECTING THE EXPECTING: COHORT 45

Jan. 22, 29 & Feb. 13

Are you expecting your first child this upcoming March, April or May? 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.



ZOOTOPIA THEMED FAMILY SHABBAT

Friday, November 21
5:45PM

Join us for some wild animal fun as we celebrate Shabbat, inspired by the world of Zootopia!

Featuring our own clergy menagerie: Chief Rabbits Michael Siegel, D'ror Chankin-Gould & Benjy Forester and Senior Carrots Brook & Rosenberg. We will enjoy Shabbat service, dinner, and after dinner activities. Costumes welcome! Come dressed as your favorite Zootopia character (or any animal friend)!

BABY BEGINNINGS

Select Fridays
9:30AM • In Person

Looking for a way to meet other families with babies under 1 year old? Join us on 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. Dates include: November 7, 14, 21, & December 5, 12.



SOMETHING FOR US SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, December 5
6PM Service | 7:15PM Dinner

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



CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM AROUND THE WORLD

Sunday, November 16
10:30AM

SESSION 1: RABBI IRENE MUZAS CALPE FROM SPAIN

What does synagogue life look like in Spain? How does the Conservative movement function in Chile? In this series of lectures, we will learn from Conservative rabbis from around the globe about the strengths and struggles of their communities. Each session will be accompanied by a fabulous brunch featuring food of that country. Come to one or come to all!



CJE'S MY GO-TO PLACE: FAMOUS CHRISTMAS SONGS BY JEWISH COMPOSERS

Tuesday, December 9
11AM

Local musician, Kurt Loeffler, will look at famous Jewish American composers including Irving Berlin, Mel Torme, and many others who were the first-generation children of Jewish immigrants. We'll discuss many of the popular holiday Christmas songs like "White Christmas" and "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire" which have become classics for largely Christian audiences. This program is free to attend; coffee, tea, water, and fruit will be offered.



JCC COMMUNITY DAYS AT AES

Wednesday, November 26
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 Delighter and Marcella Winston Foundation, a Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.



ANSHE EMET SOFTBALL TEAM

Mazal Tov to the Anshe Emet softball teams for competing in the CMSA softball league. Our D team reached the finals in their respective division. And, the C team won their last five. All interested in playing this summer should contact Sam Neusner at sneusner@yahoo.com.

AES AFFINITY GROUPS & COMMUNITY



The AES Sisterhood is gearing up for another active year with varied programs! We began the year by participating in Chol HaMoed Sukkot Minyan October 10 where Naomi Pinchuk and Marcie Marcovitz read Torah while other women participated. We followed this two days later when the Annual Meeting in the Sukkah was enhanced by Laura Kordon's popular Jewish Jeopardy challenge!

Sisterhood then sponsored a three-part Learning Series "Rebecca, Miriam and Ruth: Women of Power and Kindness" led by respected rabbi, scholar, writer, lecturer, and ordained Orthodox Rabbi, Marianne Novak.

The ever-popular High School Grad Connection (co-sponsored by AES), with the aim of keeping young adults connected to the shul, is going strong. Thanks to Marla Gordon and Nancy Kohn we continue to send gift packages for Hanukkah and Pesach to this important group of young people. We have many other programs in the works and several in the schedule. Our bi-annual Tu B'Shevat Seder returns with Anshe Emet's Gather Group Sunday, February 1, 2026. Led by Sara Aron and Rena Grosser, come celebrate this special female oriented holiday with a traditional

fruit, four cups of wine (or juice), lunch and a customized Haggadah.

Sisterhood Shabbat is scheduled for February 28, 2026. Members will participate in all aspects of this special service by reading Torah, leading prayers and offering thoughts. Thank you to Chair Larisa Kenen for making this happen each year.

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 has already started but it's not too late to join. We will explore *Hunchback* by Saou Ichikawa on Thursday, November 13, and *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen on Thursday, December 4. We will read three more books in the Spring, titles to be announced. If interested, please contact Judy Metzger at hgmet1@aol.com.

Here are two additional programs currently in the planning stages: Wrightwood 659—Art and Lunch, and a Mikvah Learning Series with Cantor Liz Berke. Liz's series will be scheduled in February or March 2026, so keep a lookout for these and other events.

Marcie Marcovitz
President

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Sisterhood is an affiliate of Women's League for Conservative Judaism—website wlcj.org. Women's League offers a wide range of on-line educational programs, including Zoom conversations with Masorti congregations in Israel. Your membership automatically provides access to this impressive resource.

Anshe Emet

MEN'S Club

PICKLEBALL

November 18 & December 4 • 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. 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. No charge.

MEN, MEAT & MIDRASH

Wednesday, November 19 • 7PM

Our own, Dr. Larry Lutwick, a highly respected expert on infectious diseases, addresses risk from climate change. Whether one believes it or not, climate change and global warming are here and can affect humankind in many ways. The higher temperatures and stronger storms with increased flooding potential brings about ecological changes that have increased the risk of a variety of infections, viral, bacterial, and protozoan, spread by food, water, soil and arthropods. A cross-section of these diseases will be discussed. *Cost to attend \$25, which includes your food selection, appetizers, and beverages.* See Anshe Emet weekly emails for registration details.

CHARITY POKER TOURNAMENT

Thursday, December 11 • 7PM

Back by popular demand! Join us for an evening of socializing and poker, generating funds for Anshe Emet youths to attend Jewish camps. Doors are expected to open at 6:15PM with play starting at 7PM. This is open to beginners and serious players alike—everyone welcome! For more information, contact Jon Norton at JonathanWNorton@gmail.com or Neil Stern at NPSChicago@sbcglobal.net.

Save the Dates:

February 8, 2026:

World Wide Wrap (Sunday morning instructional minyan including the traditions of tallit and tefillin)

February 19, 2026:

Sample kosher and Israeli wines at Binny's with the opportunity to buy what you like for Passover at a discount.

To learn more, check the AES website and your weekly This Week @Anshe Monday emails.

Kol Tuv,

Barry Seeskin

President, Anshe Emet Men's Club

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7:30PM via Zoom

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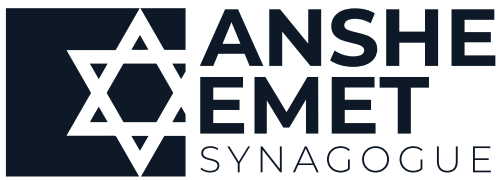
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Thursday, December 18

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Please bring along any type of oil such as olive, canola, vegetable, or specialty varieties when you join us for our Hanukkah celebration. Your contribution will help provide nourishment and warmth to others this holiday season.

Together, we can bring more light into our community!

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