

# AES BULLETIN

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**VOICES AT SINAI:  
A FAREWELL REFLECTION  
FOR SHAVUOT**

There is a remarkable teaching in the Midrash that I have carried with me throughout my rabbinate, and I cannot think of a more fitting moment to share it one final time.

At the revelation at Sinai, we are told, God's voice went forth and *each person heard it according to their own strength* — כל אחד ואחד לפי כוחו. Not one commanding thunderclap that crushed all beneath it equally, but an infinite utterance that met each soul where it stood. The elderly heard it as they could. The young heard it as they could. Moses heard something that no other human could. And somewhere in that crowd, a frightened child who had just crossed the sea and barely understood what was happening — that child heard something too, something true, something meant for them.

This is the Shavuot miracle. Not just that Torah was given, but *how* it was given, personally, and sensitive to the needs of each person, without demanding that any soul stretch beyond its capacity to receive.

I think about this Midrash every year, and I think about it now with particular tenderness, as I prepare to step down as your Senior Rabbi after so many years in this sacred role.

Over these years, it has been my greatest privilege to sit with you at bedsides and at Shabbat tables, at Bris' and Baby Namings, at B'nai Mitzvah, under the chuppah, and at gravesides. I have watched children grow into adults, watched parents become grandparents, and watched grandparents become memory. In addition, there are so many memories of classes and congregational trips. I have tried, at those times, to do what the Midrash describes: to find the voice that would reach you where you were most open at that particular moment.

Some of you needed Torah as law — clear, demanding, bracing. Some needed it as poetry, as comfort, as quiet. Some came to study and left with more questions than they arrived with, and that, too, is Torah. Some of you grew up here and have known me as one of your rabbis for your whole life, and others came to us later and

brought their own synagogue experiences with them. Please know how grateful I am for the Torah that you taught me, and the impact that you have had on the way that understood the text.

That is the other side of the Midrash, the part we sometimes overlook: if Torah was received differently by each person, then each person *brought* something essential to the moment of its reception. Sinai was not a lecture. It was an encounter, and an encounter requires two. I am grateful beyond words for the encounter we have shared.

Shavuot arrives each year at the cusp of summer, when everything is ripening. The book of Ruth, which we read on this holiday, is a story about loyalty, belonging, and Jewish solidarity. It is the story of a woman who chose a people not by birth, but by love. A woman who said *your people shall be my people* and meant it absolutely. I have felt something like that same deep connection with our Anshe Emet family. For more than 40 years you have made this community *my people* in the deepest sense. So much of that has revolved around the privilege of teaching Torah, as well as the blessing of working with remarkable Rabbis, Cantors, and an incredible staff. All working to interpret our tradition in meaningful, authentic, bold and relevant ways. All working to deepen our ties around community.

As I step back, I do not step away. Torah does not retire. I look forward to continuing to teach Torah in the years to come in my new role as Rabbi Emeritus.

I am confident that Anshe Emet will be well served by our present clergy, and my successor. May our new Senior Rabbi find a community, as I did, that is open to receiving the Torah it needs, in the voice it needs, at all the right moments of the Jewish year, and the seminal moments of the life cycle as well.

*Chag Shavuot sameach, with love and gratitude.*



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR AES BOARD PRESIDENT



**SAM SCHWARTZ-FENWICK**  
*President*  
 Anshe Emet Synagogue  
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Recently, I had the opportunity to speak to a reporter about the remarkable legacy of Rabbi Siegel. As I shared with her, it is incredible to take a step back and think of all that Rabbi Siegel has accomplished in his near half-century of service to the synagogue and the Jewish people. During his tenure, Anshe Emet has grown substantially in size and has become a beacon of Jewish life in the city of Chicago. This did not occur through happenstance, but instead through the tireless efforts of Rabbi Siegel and the team he has led.

Of all of Rabbi Siegel's accomplishments, I am most thankful and grateful that the throughline of his rabbinate has been to create and sustain a warm and welcoming community that sees value in every person who walks through our doors.

Rabbi Siegel's visionary leadership will be honored on May 3 at 4PM at the 2026 Visionaries of Anshe Emet. I hope that you are able to attend this event so that you have the opportunity to publicly celebrate Rabbi Siegel for his decades of service.

*Sam Schwartz Fenwick*

# SHAVUOT at AES



## Thursday, May 21, 2026

- 5PM - 7:15PM  
Tikkun LIL Program & Dinner
- 7:30PM-8:15PM  
Community Dinner
- 8:15PM-9:45PM  
AES Community Learning Session & Maariv
- 10PM-11PM  
Community Session Clergy Panel
- 11PM-11:30PM  
Dessert Reception
- 11:30PM-4AM  
Learning Sessions
- 4AM  
Sunrise Service / Shacharit

## Friday, May 22, 2026

- 9:30AM-12PM  
Sanctuary Service  
(RCM joins Sanctuary service)
- 10:15AM-11AM  
Shalom Shavuot Program
- 11AM-12PM  
Shavuot HaNoar Program
- 1PM-2PM  
Kiddush Lunch
- 6PM  
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- 7:15PM  
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## Saturday, May 23, 2026

- 9:30AM-12PM  
Sanctuary Service  
(Yizkor approx. 11:30AM)
- 9:30AM-12PM  
RCM Service  
(Yizkor approx. 11:00AM)
- 10:15-11AM  
Shalom Shavuot Service
- 11AM-12PM  
Shavuot HaNoar Service
- 12PM-2PM  
Kiddush Lunch
- 1PM-4PM  
Shavuot is Awesome

# PROGRAMS AT AES



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## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

### MISHNAH MONDAYS W/ RABBI FORESTER

Mondays

8AM • In Person & Via Zoom

Join us for Mishnah Mondays, where we'll schmooze and learn a little Mishnah together. Learners of all levels are welcome. **Dates include:** May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

### 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. **Dates include:** May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8, 15, 22.

### TALMUD TUESDAYS W/ RABBI FORESTER

Select Tuesdays

7:30PM • Via Zoom

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. **Dates include:** May 5, 19, June 2, 16.



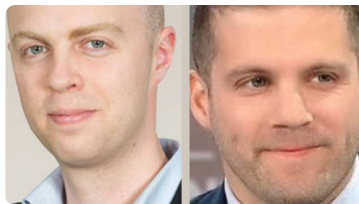
### A TEXT STUDY ON THE BOOK OF RUTH

Mondays  
7PM • Via Zoom

The Book of Ruth is the only book of the Hebrew Bible which primarily tracks the stories of two women, Ruth and Naomi.

In this 4-week virtual course taught by Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould, learners will be invited to engage with a chapter a week, bring their wisdom to the literature, and gain new friends.

This course will be a final opportunity to learn with Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould at Anshe Emet. We encourage learners, returning and new, to participate in this class. **Session Dates:** April 27, May 4, 11, 18.



### ISRAEL UPDATES FROM THE EXPERTS

Thursday, June 4  
12PM • Via Zoom

Stay updated on the most important headlines relating to current events in Israel, Israel-US relations, and the Middle East at large from expert journalists, Amir Tibon & Jacob Magid. **Our June session will be with Amir Tibon.**



### CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM AROUND THE WORLD

Sunday, May 10  
10:30AM • In Person Only

**Session 4: Rabbi George Mordecai from Australia.** Together, we will Zoom with our friends and learn about their communities as well as the opportunities and challenges they face. Includes a light breakfast from the country represented that morning, so we encourage folks to join in person. Our guests will join us via Zoom in Malkov Chapel.



SAPIR

*A quarterly journal of ideas for a thriving Jewish future*

### SAPIR SALON

Friday, June 5  
6PM Service  
7PM Dinner & Discussion

Anshe Emet's final session participating in Sapir Salon programs where members of our community engage in discussions on Sapir articles. Sapir is a journal exploring the future of the American Jewish community and its intersection with cultural, social, and political issues.

## AN AFTERNOON WITH AIMEE BIKEL: THEODORE BIKEL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 10 • 4PM • In Person



Join Theo Bikel's widow, Aimee, as she weaves a magnificent tribute to her late husband, Theodore Bikel, through film clips, personal stories, and moving musical selections. This program will also present a history of 20th century Jewish life, from pre-war Jewish Vienna to pre-State Israel, from Broadway's "The Sound of Music" to the folk scene of Dylan and Ochs in Greenwich Village, from "Fiddler on the Roof" to civil rights marches in Mississippi, as Bikel was at the center of every Jewish cultural and political moment of our times.

Theodore Meir Bikel (1924-2015) was a legendary Academy, Emmy, Tony and Grammy nominated Actor and folksinger; a civil rights,

peace, and Jewish activist; and a devoted labor union leader. He was known for creating iconic roles on stage, film, and TV, such as Captain Von Trapp in the Broadway production of *The Sound of Music*, and he played Tevye in *Fiddler On the Roof* more than any actor in history. With Pete Seeger, Theo founded the Newport Folk Festival, and recorded dozens of best selling albums in many languages. He was beloved for his leading role in keeping Yiddish culture alive, and for being an outspoken voice for justice. He is most cherished for his undying devotion to Tikkun Olam, the daily work of making our world a better place. **Cost: Members—\$25/adult; Non-Member—\$35/adult.**

## PRIDE SHABBAT WITH SPECIAL GUEST YISCAH SMITH

Friday, June 26 • 6PM Service • 7:15PM Dinner



Yiscah Smith is a thought leader, spiritual activist and agent of change who addresses the spiritual practice of encountering the Divine spark within and beyond.

She relies on Jewish spiritual teachings and contemplative practices to inspire her students, acting as a compass, gently guiding them to their unique inner selves. She encourages, empowers and ennobles others to remain faithful to their individual spiritual paths.

Yiscah teaches at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, Applied Jewish Spirituality (AJS) and

*Anshe Emet is grateful to Stephen Trevick and Richard Getzel for underwriting this year's Pride Shabbat with Yiscah Smith.*

the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS). She founded Conscious Community Nachlaot, an alternative prayer space in Jerusalem that hosts Shabbat spiritual gatherings. Yiscah also provides spiritual mentoring to individuals.

Her newest book, *Planting Seeds of the Divine: Torah Commentaries to Cultivate Your Spiritual Practice*, was recently co-published by the University of Nebraska Press (UNP) and the Jewish Publication Society (JPS).

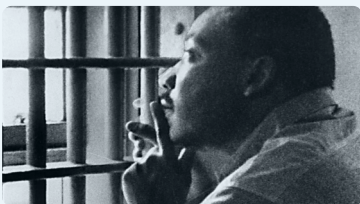
**Join Us!**

**POST-KIDDUSH  
CONVERSATION**

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 • 1:15PM

## THE SOUL OF A NATION: FAITH LEADERS REFLECT ON 250 YEARS OF AMERICA

Sunday, June 28 • 1PM • Armstrong Park



A More Perfect Union: Freedom, Faith, and the Work Ahead at Armstrong Park.



**RACHEL BROOK**  
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## JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT!

FRIDAYS  
6PM SERVICE

### Upcoming Special Services:

May 15: With The Friday Nite  
Lites: AES Community Jam  
Band led by Jeremy Berkun.



## PROFETI DELLA QUINTA

*From the Synagogue to the Palace*

JUNE 18 • 7PM

Join Anshe Emet for a special performance with internationally acclaimed early-music vocal ensemble, *Profeti Della Quinta*, as they present a special concert portraying the Jewish Italian composer, Salomone Rossi. Highlighting the variety of his musical output, the concert will comprise Italian madrigals and instrumental music as well as unique Hebrew-texted music for the Synagogue.

### PROFETI DELLA QUINTA

The ensemble was founded in the Galilee region of Israel by the bass singer and harpsichordist Elam Rotem, and is based in Basel, Switzerland.

Learn more about this special musical guest here: [www.quintaprofeti.com](http://www.quintaprofeti.com)

Music by Salomone Rossi (ca. 1570-ca. 1630)  
and Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Doron Schleifer, Andrea Gavagnin - Countertenor; Lior Leibovici,  
Loïc Paulin - Tenor;

Elam Rotem - Bass & musical direction; Ori Harmelin - Theorbo

Scan to register!



SCAN TO LISTEN TO PROFETI HERE  
FOR A SAMPLE OF THEIR SPECIAL  
PROGRAM ON SALAMONE ROSSI!



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MUSIC CENTER ENSEMBLES, PLEASE CONTACT AVIVA LUPOVITCH AT [ALUPOVITCH@ANSHEEMET.ORG](mailto:ALUPOVITCH@ANSHEEMET.ORG).

# YAD AT AES

# RITUAL



**SARA VENTURA**  
Young Adult &  
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## YOUNG ADULT for ya's 22-36 DIVISION

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



**YAIR BERNSTEIN**  
Director of Ritual Advancement  
ybernstein@ansheemet.org



### YAD & YLD CUBS GAME

Tuesday, May 19  
6PM



Join YLD and the Anshe Emet Synagogue Young Adult Division for a border battle as the Cubs take on the Milwaukee Brewers! Meet us at Gallagher Way for a pre-game tailgate with Kosher snacks starting at 6PM. Tickets will be distributed via email prior to the game. Price includes pre-game tailgate snacks and entry to game.

## TRIVIA

### YAD & MAKOM TORAH STUDY: ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A B-MITZVAH STUDENT?

Tuesday, June 23



Join Rabbi Benjy Forester (Anshe Emet YAD) and Rabbi Max Antman (Temple Sholom Makom) for a night of drinks, dialogue, and trivia. Test your knowledge on topics ranging from Judaism to pop culture and see how you would fare against a B-Mitzvah student. Kosher pizza will be served for dinner.

We are back to in-person (hybrid) Minyan every weekday except Wednesday!



To ensure we have a Minyan on all of our in-person days, we're using a sign-up sheet by SignupGenius.

Just scan the QR code to sign up for any mornings you can join us. As a reminder, we meet at 7AM on weekdays, and at 8:30AM on Sundays and national holidays.

**Bring a friend— we look forward to seeing you at Minyan!**

#### Shabbat morning Torah reading:

If you are interested in reading Torah on Shabbat or *Chag* (Jewish holiday), you can sign up using the QR code. You can then email me with the date and Aliyah you signed up for, and I will send you resources to help you prepare.



### YAD SUMMER SHABBAT

Friday, June 12

Join YAD for a Shabbat dinner on Friday, June 12. Shabbat begins with services at 6pm, followed by dinner at 7:15pm. You're welcome to join us for services, dinner, or both. **Please scan code to fill out our form to RSVP. Services are always free.**



**MARDI CAMINER**  
*Grodzin Director*  
*of Education & Innovation*  
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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

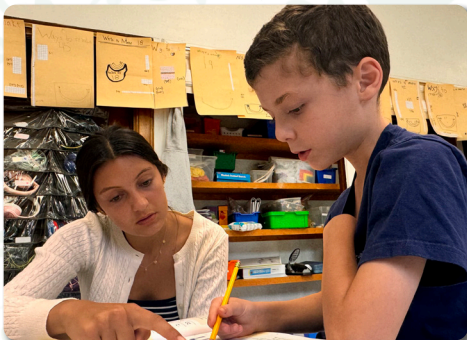
We had over 200 children, 28 madrichim, and 33 teachers who helped make this year such a success! We are already planning for the 2026-2027 school year. Please be sure to register now for an early bird discount ending on June 1.

Scan code for registration instructions.



## MAZEL TOV TO OUR 8TH GRADE GRADUATES OF THE JOSEPH & BELLE BRAUN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!

- NOAH BEARAK
- RAVIV GOODMAN
- LEO HARTSTEIN
- BENJAMIN MEYER
- MICAH RIVERA RUBENSTEIN
- EVAN SCHNEIDERMAN



## GRADUATION SHABBAT

Friday, May 29  
6PM

We are so excited to celebrate our 8th & 12th grade graduates. We hope the entire community joins as we recognize these graduates during our 6pm service. Families of the graduates are invited to stay for dinner afterwards. **Please be sure to register for dinner!**



## MADRICHIM APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

We had 28 high schoolers supporting our Religious School during the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you to each and every one of those teens. We have opened applications for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year!

Please reach out to [mcaminer@ansheemet.org](mailto:mcaminer@ansheemet.org) if you have any questions.

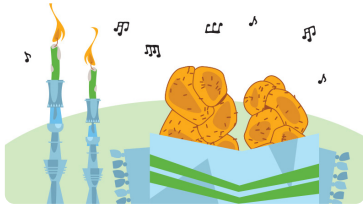


## KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

SCAN CODE, FILL OUT  
OUR FORM AND  
WE'LL REACH OUT!



# YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES



## TOT KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER

Friday, May 15  
4:45PM

Join AES clergy for a family-friendly musical Shabbat service, followed by Shabbat dinner and activities for kids 0 – 5 years.

- 4:45PM – 5PM: Pre-service snacks
- 5PM - 5:30PM: Tot Shabbat Service
- 5:30PM – 6:30PM: Shabbat dinner and activities



## TIKKUN LIL

Thursday, May 22  
5PM

Join us at the bottom of Mount Sinai as we celebrate Shavuot with our Young Families and Youth Communities! We'll enjoy a traditional dairy dinner followed by an exploration of Torah through the five senses.

Tikkun Lil Schedule:

- 5PM – 5:30PM: Young Family Shavuot Service (0-5 year old families)
- 5:30PM – 6PM: Family-friendly Shavuot dairy dinner (All Families)
- 6PM – 6:45PM: Torah through the five senses stations (K-6th grade families)
- 6:45PM – 7:15PM: Mount Sinai Cupcakes!

Shavuot continues for children on Friday morning with a Shavuot movement activity and Saturday morning Shabbat/Shavuot services.



## JUF ISRAELNOW 8TH GRADE TRIP TO ISRAEL SPRING 2027

Scan for registration information:



Registration opens on Wednesday, May 20 at 7AM.

Our 2027 trip dates\* are:

February 14-23, 2027

March 21-30, 2027

\* – Trips are one week during this period and will be confirmed once we have booked flights.

Scan for IsraelNow website:



## Save the Date!



### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Tuesday, June 16  
6PM Dinner • 7PM Meeting

Join us for a community dinner followed by our Annual Meeting of the Congregation as we celebrate the past year and look forward to the future. We will also highlight AES members for their dedication and service to the Anshe Emet community. All are encouraged to attend this special night! **More information to come. Check online for updates!**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

### RENEWALS ARE COMING!

Anshe Emet congregants renew their membership every summer before our fiscal year begins on July 1.

As always, you will be able to renew your membership either online or through our mailed form. Keep an eye out for renewal materials coming in late May!

If you do not intend to maintain your membership, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Sara Ventura at [sventura@ansheemet.org](mailto:sventura@ansheemet.org) or 773.868.5153.



## JCC: COMMUNITY DAYS

### Timeless Movie Music Moments with John LeGear

Wednesday, May 27  
12PM Lunch  
12:30PM Program

### Dolley Madison— “The Lady Who Saved Washington” with Michael & Jessica Michna

Wednesday, June 24  
12PM Lunch  
12:30PM Program



## CJE'S MY-GO-TO-PLACE

### The Loop: The “L” Tracks That Shaped and Saved Chicago with Patrick T. Reardon

Tuesday, May 12  
11AM  
In-Person



## CANASTA AT AES

Join our whatsapp group for precise dates by emailing Emma Sternberg  
at [esternberg@ansheemet.org](mailto:esternberg@ansheemet.org)

Sundays  
9AM  
In-Person

# AES AFFINITY GROUPS & COMMUNITY



AES SISTERHOOD CONTINUING THE YEAR WITH A WIDE ARRAY OF EXCITING PROGRAMS.

## Re-Cap of Recent Programs

Cantor Liz Berke led a Learning Series entitled Mikvah: Where We've Been and Where We're Going during the last three Thursdays in March. First the group took a deep look at the historical role of mikvah and how it has been reimagined today. The first two sessions were hybrid, at AES and on Zoom. The last class took place at the Community Mikvah in Wilmette with an opportunity for immersion.

On Sunday, April 26th our Torah Fund Reception honored Cantor Liz Berke for her 15 years of service to Anshe Emet. Torah Fund is an international scholarship program for students at all Conservative/Masorti schools. This year's theme is Oseh Shalom – Maker of Peace.

That same evening the Great Lakes Region of WLCJ held its installation of Officers and Board Members. Deborah Gubin, our Vice President was installed as Chair of the Social Action Committee.

We are working several other programs for the Spring and Summer. These will include another Feminism in Judaism series. We also plan to attend an evening at Millenium Park with the Men's Club to hear the Grant Park Orchestra.

## Upcoming Programs

It's not too late to join Our **Sisterhood Book Group**. Our last book for this spring is *The Safekeep* which we will discuss on Thursday, May 7. If interested, please contact Judy Metzger at [hgmet1@aol.com](mailto:hgmet1@aol.com).

*A special thanks goes out to Emma Sternberg and the AES staff who are so crucial to making it "all happen".*

**Marcie Marcovitz**  
President

**Deborah Gubin**  
Vice-President

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.

*Men's Club brings men together for meaningful connection. We do that with programming that provides something for everyone. Eat, pray, play, celebrate and learn with us. We encourage engaged participation and are always open to suggestions.*

## Upcoming Programming

**Bowling:** A great way to roll in some good times and strike up some fun with Men's Club. No experience (or athletic talent) required.

**What:** Night of bowling. Cost \$25 for Men's Club members (others \$30) includes lane fees, shoe rental, and pizza. Beverages available for purchase.

**When:** Wednesday, June 3, 6PM - 8PM

**Where:** Timber Lanes, 1851 W. Irving Park Rd

**Act fast, limited availability:** Constrained to just six lanes

**Questions:** Jay Lazar at [moelazar@comcast.net](mailto:moelazar@comcast.net).

**Men, Meat, and Midrash with Milts** at a not yet determined Mid-June date at 6:30 pm. The format is familiar. We'll preorder meals from Milts and enjoy the sandwiches at Anshe Emet as we are engaged in an enlightening topic. The details are still in development. Be sure to check Anshe Emet weekly emails for program details.

**Baseball: Cubs vs Brewers in Milwaukee with a pre-game kosher tailgate!** The FJMC Midwest Region has once again organized this popular outing. Details follow:

**When:** Sunday, June 26, 1:10 game time. Tailgate at 11:30 (with a vegetarian option)

**Where:** The American Family Field in Milwaukee  
Cost: \$49 for tailgate and game ticket

**Contact/Questions:** Rodney Ugent at [rddugent@aol.com](mailto:rddugent@aol.com) or 414-351-4714.



*In honor of Milosz Krzewinski.*

## Membership

Our membership has swelled to over 140 members. Membership renewal and sign up for the 2026-27 fiscal year will be included in the membership packet you will soon receive from Anshe Emet. We hope you will choose to join us and more importantly, participate at our many opportunities throughout the year and be an involved member.

We're also excited to share, for at least the next year, that Men's Club will actively fundraise for the Anshe Emet Kids FUNd for Camp Scholarships. This fund already assists families to afford sending their children to Jewish camps, a powerful way to shape youths' Jewish identities. Our effort will help strengthen this fund. We hope throughout the year that you will give your support so that together, we can make a difference.

Kol Tuv,

**Barry Seeskin**

*President, Anshe Emet Men's Club*

## AES SOFTBALL

With spring fast approaching, the Anshe Emet Softball Team is looking for folks 18 years and older to participate on the competitive, intermediate, or recreational teams.

If interested, please contact Sam Neusner at [sneusner@yahoo.com](mailto:sneusner@yahoo.com).

# YOUR DONATIONS

## TREE OF LIFE

### SHOMRIM

\$36,000+

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## MAY 2026



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May 2, 2026  
Daughter of  
Dina & Joey Carr



**JESSICA HUFF**  
May 16, 2026  
Daughter of  
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**HARPER KOHN**  
May 30, 2026  
Daughter of  
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**HAVA SHIFRIN**  
May 9, 2026  
Daughter of  
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**JULIANNA HILLER**  
May, 30, 2026  
Daughter of  
Abra Siegel

*Not photographed:*

**NATHAN  
TENNENBAUM**  
May 17, 2026  
Son of Elana & Jason  
Tennenbaum

## JUNE 2026



**CORA BERNSTEIN**  
June 6, 2026  
Daughter of  
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**REESE LEVY**  
June 6, 2026  
Daughter of  
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**KIKU ZARETSKY**  
June 13, 2026  
Daughter of Amy  
Matsuhashi & David  
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### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

May 25 & June 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/events/  
bereavementgroup](https://ansheemet.org/events/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.

If you have added a name to this list, and circumstances have changed, please make sure to notify Tory May so our announcements remain up to date. Thank you.

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