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A Message from Rabbi Ebstein

CHOOSING SATED JOY

Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav tells the story of two brothers who respond to life in very different ways. One brother is clever and ambitious. He travels from place to place searching for greater success, convinced that happiness is always somewhere just beyond the horizon. The other brother is quieter. He works hard, cares for his family, and is grateful for the life he has.

Over time, the ambitious brother becomes disappointed by the world. He grows skeptical, cynical, and eventually loses the ability to distinguish truth from falsehood. The quieter brother, on the other hand, grows in wisdom. He lives the teaching of *Pirkei Avot*: “Who is rich? The one who rejoices in what he has.” His gratitude deepens his faith, and his faith allows him to see goodness where others see only disappointment. Rabbi Nachman’s story reminds us that contentment is not about settling for less. It is about seeing more clearly. When we are always focused on what is missing, we can overlook the blessings already sitting before us.

I love the Anshe Emet summer tradition of hearing our congregants share words of Torah each July. This year, I was privileged to learn from Mayer Grashin, Gretchen Solomon, Gabby Plotkin and Dr. Regina Stein. Dr. Stein wove together the lives of Moses and Dr. Paul Kalanithi, and both left me thinking about Rabbi Nachman’s story, and how to live a life of contentment.

Near the end of his life, Moses reflects on everything he has experienced and teaches us, “*V’achalta, v’savata, u’veirachta*”—“You shall eat, be satisfied, and bless.” Dr. Stein described this as learning to “eat from the plate of life.” Even after years of struggle and disappointment, Moses teaches us that gratitude is a spiritual discipline

Dr. Stein also introduced us to Paul Kalanithi’s remarkable memoir, *When Breath Becomes Air*. After learning that he was dying at the age of thirty-six, he and his wife chose to have a child. Writing to his infant daughter, he described the joy she brought him as “a sated joy...a joy that does not hunger for more and more, but rests, satisfied.”

I’ve found myself returning to those two words: sated joy. Moses found it after a lifetime of leadership. Paul Kalanithi found it in the precious months he spent with his daughter. Rabbi Nachman’s simple brother found it through gratitude and faith. They each remind us that a meaningful life is measured less by what we accumulate than by our ability to recognize the blessings that are already ours.

As we approach the Days of Awe, we have the opportunity to make that choice ourselves. Will we spend another year focused on what is missing, or will we enter the New Year with grateful hearts, ready to notice the goodness that surrounds us?

Our tradition teaches that we come to the High Holy Days with a *lev nishbar*—a broken and open heart. It is precisely that openness that makes gratitude possible. It is what allows us to return to one another, to God, and perhaps even to ourselves.

May this be a year in which we learn to “eat from the plate of life,” to be satisfied, and to bless. And may God grant each of us, and all whom we love, the gift of happiness with our lot in life—sated joy.

On behalf of our clergy, staff, and leadership, I wish the entire Anshe Emet family a healthy, peaceful, and sweet New Year.

L’Shanah Tovah U’Metukah.



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A Message From Our Board President

As we turn the calendar toward the High Holy Days, our congregation is in a moment of transition and of growth. We are well positioned for this moment.

In this year, between Rabbi Siegel's retirement and the start of the tenure of Rabbi Schlesinger, we are lucky to have Rabbi Ebstein as our Interim Senior Rabbi. Interim periods often invite both reflection and anticipation. Rabbi Ebstein brings a wealth of wisdom, and pastoral sensitivity. These gifts are what we need as we navigate through this important chapter in our congregation's life. He has come to his role with an open mind and a remarkable sense of teamwork as he works with Cantors Brook and Rosenberg, Rabbi Forester, and our remarkable staff.

The creative work of our staff and clergy will be on display over the *Chagim* and throughout the amazing programming they are planning this coming year. From incredible musical guests to prescient classes and impactful speakers, our team is planning a year that will continue our position as Chicago's center for Jewish life.

Their incredible efforts are all the more meaningful given the extra planning and creativity it takes to make things happen during construction. While the temporary inconveniences do exist, so too is the excitement of what lies ahead post-construction. Every beam raised and every wall

transformed represents an investment in future generations of Jewish life. We are building not only improved spaces, but also the foundation for decades of learning, worship, connection, and engagement.

What is remarkable is that even during this period of construction, Anshe Emet's reach remains as strong as ever. This High Holy Day season, we expect to connect with more than 4,000 people through our sanctuary services, family experiences, educational programs, livestream offerings, and community gatherings. That number speaks to the enduring power of our mission.

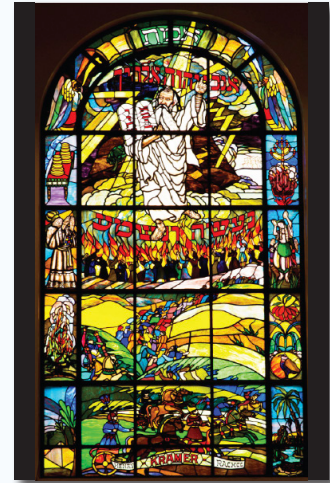
As we approach the New Year, I am reminded that the story of Anshe Emet has always been one of resilience, vision, and renewal. We continue the work of building for the future. I enter this season with confidence, gratitude, and great hope for all that lies ahead.

L'Shanah Tovah. May the year ahead bring blessings, peace, and meaning to us all.

Sam Schwartz-Fenwick

AES HISTORY

THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF ANSHE EMET



THE SIX WINDOWS—THREE ON EACH SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY—TELL THE STORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE FROM THE TIME OF GOD'S PROMISE OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL, TO ABRAHAM, TO THE CREATION OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL. THEY REPRESENT BOTH OUR PAST AND THE PROMISE OF THE FUTURE.

THE SECOND WINDOW illustrates the departure from Egypt on the bottom, and Moses receiving the Ten Commandments at Sinai on the top. The middle portion of the second window shows Pharaoh, in purple, pursuing the Israelites into the sea. The sea divides as the Israelites pass through it, and the waters close back in, drowning the Egyptian horses and riders, as they pursue the Israelites.

The side panels illustrate the story: The pyramids, Aaron making the sign of the priest, the twelve loaves of sacrificial bread on the altar, Moses and the burning bush, the symbols of the Egyptian gods, Miriam dancing after crossing the sea, and tents in the wilderness. The side panel is topped by cherubim blowing shofarim.

In the upper portion, Moses stands on top of Mount Sinai, holding the tablets and wearing tefillin (tefillin consist of two leather boxes, attached to leather straps, containing scriptures. They are wrapped around the arm and head during weekday morning prayer). He is surrounded by smoke and lightning under the biblical phrase: "I am the Lord your God" (Exodus 20:2). These words mark the beginning of the Ten Commandments.

The Israelites stand at the bottom of the mountain; they are separated by flames from the mountain and from Moses, who stands at the top. The people have heard God's word as is evidenced by the phrase in the middle of the window: "All things that the Lord has commanded we will do," (Exodus 24:3). The word "Truth" appears on the very top of the window. The proclamation refers to the eternal truth of God's word as revealed in the Ten Commandments.

Raymond Arbetman Center for Adult Jewish Learning



IN CONVERSATION: JEWISH IDEAS & CURRENT EVENTS WITH RABBI EBSTEIN

Mondays • 1PM • Hybrid

All are invited to join our new series with Rabbi Ebstein, where we'll discuss Israeli and Jewish current events. Attend in person or via Zoom. Email Chaim Tempesco at ctempesco@ansheemet.org to join the class email list.



LERNER'S OF ANSHE EMET WITH RABBI FORESTER

Friday's Beginning October 9 • 8:30AM • Hybrid

Taught by Rabbi Benjy Forester

This year, the Lerner's of Anshe Emet will embark upon a journey of studying *Pirkei Avot* (commonly translated as "Ethics of our Sages/Fathers"). This repository of timeless Jewish wisdom remains as relevant as ever, offering sage advice to help us navigate our complex world. We will study the 2,000-year-old teachings of *Pirkei Avot*, as well as a variety of commentaries spanning various time periods. As always, come ready to learn, share, and discuss—all learners of all backgrounds welcome! *Named in memory of Shelby Lerner z"l.*

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HEBREW DECODING BOOTCAMP FALL SESSION

Monday's Sept.-Oct. • 6PM • In Person

The fall session is already underway and therefore registration for the fall session is closed—join the next open session starting on Mondays in January at 6PM. Learn the basics of Hebrew decoding, the foundational skill for understanding the Hebrew language as used throughout our sacred texts and liturgy. This class is for learners with little to no previous formal learning experience with Hebrew, or those who might have forgotten their lessons from Hebrew school!



SATURDAY MORNING PARSHA CLASS

Saturdays • 9AM • Hybrid

Join us for Shabbat morning parsha class every Saturday to learn with our community expert educators. Attend in person or via Zoom through our website.



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ISRAEL'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WITH RABBIS EBSTEIN & FORESTER

Sunday, October 25 • 8:30AM

As Israel looks forward to its future after these elections, it's an important time to also look back at the State's founding principles. Join us for morning minyan (8:30AM), breakfast (9:30AM), and a learning session (10AM) with Rabbis Ebstein and Forester as they reflect upon the vision articulated in Israel's Declaration of Independence and how its stands the test of time.



TORAH TROPE 101 WITH CANTOR ROSENBERG

Thursdays • 7PM • In Person

Learn the basics of chanting Torah with Cantor Josh! We'll explore the origins of the cantillation system (also known as trope) and learn how to translate those symbols into the reading that we hear each week. Strong familiarity with the Hebrew alphabet required. We will meet on October 29, November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10, & 17.

Community Offerings



ROSH HASHANAH COMMUNITY TASHLICH

Sunday, September 13 • 5PM

Join the Anshe Emet community on the evening of Rosh Hashanah, Day Two (9/13) for a Tashlich service at the Waveland Clocktower at 5PM. Following Tashlich, stay to schmooze and snack on sweets for the new year, sponsored by the Anshe Emet Men's Club. No registration required.



INTRODUCTION TO CANASTA

Sundays • 9AM

Join our WhatsApp group for communications and precise dates by emailing Emma Sternberg at esternberg@ansheemet.org. Dates include October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15.



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

We look forward to seeing you at Anshe Emet this year as we come together as one community for meaningful, spiritual, and uplifting worship services. We'll have enriching family services, and enlightening youth programming focused on community. 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.

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**BLUE JEANS
AND BLUEGRASS**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
4PM • Reception | 5PM • Concert

Jacob's Ladder is an internationally touring band pushing the boundaries of contemporary Jewish music and traditional American Roots music through Jewish communal singing and prayer. In melding these two musical worlds, they tell their story through Eastern European Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jewish traditions, but also through their American heritage and its influence on their unique musical style.

Their early inspirations were drawn from bluegrass icons, as well as original

"Jewgrass" musicians from the 70's and 80's. With roots music as the bedrock of their expression and instrumentation, their melodies and songs are inspired by the likes of Shlomo Carlebach, Eitan Katz, Zusha, Moshav Band, and Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble, to name a few.

At heart, Jacob's Ladder is comprised of bluegrass musicians, and they center themselves—and thus their new music—in its natural groove and language.

KAPLAN CO-CHAIRS:
ELIZABETH AND ELLIOT DARVICK

&
SHARI YOUNG-LEWIS AND JEFFREY LEWIS

**CALLING ALL
5TH-8TH GRADERS
WHO LOVE TO SING!**

This year, **Kol HaNoar** will sing alongside Jacob's Ladder at our Kaplan Concert on December 13! Contact afeiglin@ansheemet.org to get involved.



The Holidays at anshe

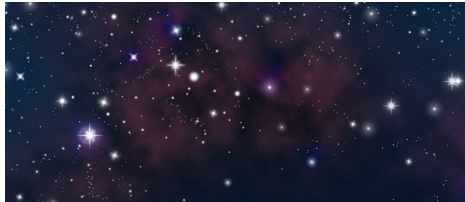
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DAYENU
A Jewish Call to Climate Action



Repair the Sea
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SELICHOT UNDER THE STARS

Saturday, September 5 • 7PM

Join the Anshe Emet community in the Karole Frank Sukkah Garden for a moving Selichot service as we enter into the High Holy Day season. The evening will begin with refreshments and a special learning session with Rabbi Ebstein. We will transition to Ma'ariv, Havdalah, a musical Selichot service and culminate with a shofar blast under the stars.

7PM • Refreshments

7:30PM • Learning with Rabbi Ebstein

8PM • Selichot Under the Stars in the Sukkah



DAYENU: REVERSE TASHLICH AT WAVELAND BEACH

Sunday, September 6 • 4PM

Join us for Reverse Tashlich, a meaningful opportunity to put Jewish values into action as we prepare for the High Holy Days. In partnership with Repair the Sea, we'll gather to clean our local shoreline by removing litter and plastic from our waterways.

Come make a tangible difference, connect with fellow congregants, and begin the New Year by caring for our planet.

SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICES FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG FAMILIES

On Sukkot Day 1 (Saturday, September 26) we will run our regular family service schedule starting at 10:15AM and 11AM. On Sukkot Day 2 (Sunday, September 27), we have special programming for all families starting at 10:30AM. Join us for special time in the Sukkah, singing, Sukkot Trivia and more!

Learn more about READiculous Simchat Torah Celebration on page 8.

MORNING MINYAN:

Our daily minyan is one of the ways we stay connected as a community throughout the year. Mondays, Thursdays, and Rosh Chodesh, offer the added opportunity to hear Torah reading on weekday mornings and mark the rhythms of the Jewish calendar together. Whether you're saying Kaddish, celebrating a milestone, or simply looking to begin your day with community, we'd love to see you! Minyan meets in person and on zoom every day at 7AM (8:30AM on Sundays and National Holidays) and only via Zoom on Wednesdays.

Upcoming Rosh Chodesh Dates:

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan: October 11-12

Rosh Chodesh Kislev: November 10-11

Rosh Chodesh Tevet: December 10-11

For minyan times and Zoom information, visit our (new!) website"



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To order, scan QR code below, or contact **Yair Bernstein** at **773.868.5122** or **ybernstein@ansheemet.org**.



Order deadline is Friday, September 11

PICK-UP DATES:

Tuesday, September 22
4:30PM - 5:30PM

Wednesday, September 23
12PM - 1PM

Thursday, September 24
8:30AM - 9:30AM

Thursday, September 24
5PM - 6PM

Friday, September 25
9AM - 10AM



Religious School • Families • Teens • Youth at anshe

ANSHEEMET.ORG/RELIGIOUS-SCHOOL

Welcome Back!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL & PARENT ORIENTATION

Sunday, October 18

The Joseph and Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School has been shaping young lives for decades. Our model is not one size fits all; we have options available to accommodate your child's schedule and learning needs. We remain committed to our vision pillars: Knowledge, Flexibility, Diversity, and Community. Religious School is for all children ages 4 years old (JK)-8th Grade. It is never too late or too early to start your child's Jewish education.



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Book Recommendations from Mardi!



Looking for some books for this school year? I have some recs! This list focuses on books published in 2015 or later, highlighting newer voices in children's literature alongside the works of Adam Gidwitz as we prepare for his visit to Anshe Emet on Saturday, February 6. I have also italicized a few classics that I'd recommend!

Sign up for PJ Library. Now offering books for children through 12 years of age.

Ages 3-6

The Schmutzy Family by Madelyn Rosenberg (2021)
The Keeper of Stories by Caroline Kusin Pritchard (2021) *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco (1988)

Ages 6-8

The Key from Spain by Debbie Herman (2015)
The Sundown Kid by Barbara Bietz (2020)
Hidden Hope by Elisa Boxer (2023)
Big Dreams for Young Readers: Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara (2020)
All-of-a-Kind Family by Sydney Taylor (1951)

Ages 8-10

The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz (2016)
The Length of a String by Elissa Brent Weissman (2018)
King of the Bench by Steve Moore (2020)
Honey and Me by Meira Drazin (2022)
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (1989)

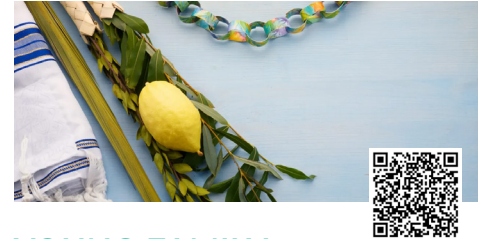
Ages 10-12

Max in the House of Spies by Adam Gidwitz (2024)
The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman (2020)
How to Find What You're Not Looking For by Veera Hiranandani (2021)
The Bletchley Riddle by Ruta Sepetys & Steve Sheinkin (2024)
The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen (1988)

Ages 13+

Max in the Land of Lies by Adam Gidwitz (2025)
The City Beautiful by Aden Polydoros (2021)
When the Angels Left the Old Country by Sacha Lamb (2022)
What the Night Sings by Vesper Stamper (2018)
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (2005)

I hope you enjoy reading and discussing these as a family! There are many more Adam Gidwitz books to read that will prepare your family for our event with Adam on Saturday, February 6!



YOUNG FAMILY SUKKOT SERVICE & DINNER

Friday, September 25

Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to celebrate Shabbat Sukkot outside in the Karole Frank Sukkah Garden. Families should check-in at registration first.

4:45PM • Snack
5:00PM • Service
5:30PM • Dinner

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



READICULOUS SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 3 • 4:30PM

Join us for our annual Anshe Emet Simchat Torah Celebration for families of all ages! We'll sing, dance, and celebrate with our Torah scrolls, and our 3rd graders and older will have the opportunity to read from all 5 books of Moses! Then we'll join the whole community for a holiday dinner, followed by our community celebrations. Register for the dinner below; walk-in's not accepted.



Scan to
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to read
Torah:



Scan to
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for our
community
dinner:



BABY BEGINNINGS FOR AGES 0-1 + PARENTS/ GROWN-UPS

Fridays, beginning August 21 •
11AM • In Person

Looking for a way to meet other families with babies under 1 year old? Join us at Anshe Emet for Baby Beginnings! In partnership with JBaby, we bring in experts in the field to sing, stretch, engage in sensory play and more. Classes run from August-May and fill up fast, so register through the JUF website today.

Section 1: August 21, 2026; August 28, 2026; September 25, 2026.

Section 2: October 16, 2026; October 23, 2026; October 30, 2026.



CONNECTING THE EXPECTING

Tuesdays • 6:30PM • In Person

Meet other expectant parents at a similar stage of life to connect, share resources, and discuss the joys and challenges of pregnancy and preparing for parenthood. Whether you're looking for practical guidance, meaningful conversations, or new friendships, this group offers a warm and supportive space throughout your journey.

This program is open to expectant single parents and couples (including LGBTQ+ couples) who are expecting the birth or adoption of their first child, in which at least one member of the couple is Jewish. View full program schedule online. Reach out to Aviva Feiglin at afeiglin@ansheemet.org with questions.



B'YACHAD B'IVRIT (TOGETHER IN HEBREW) FOR AGES 2-4 + ONE ADULT

Sundays • 9:30AM • In Person

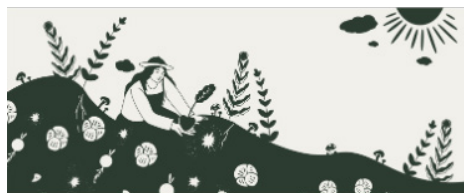
Bo-u kulam (Come everybody)! Join us as we introduce a special new immersive Hebrew experience for kids ages 2 to 4 years. This class teaches modern Hebrew through native speaker-led thematic play. The Israeli-style immersion begins to introduce daily vocabulary and its contextual use. Space is extremely limited; each registration includes one child and one accompanying adult. No prior Hebrew necessary. Dates include October 18, 25, & November 1.



NOAH'S ARK ANIMAL SHOW FOR JK-3RD GRADE

Sunday, October 23 • 12:15AM • In Person

Join us for a wild and wonderful animal adventure! After reading Parashat Noach from the Torah, it is now time to see some of these amazing animals with our own eyes. Children in JK-3rd grades are welcome to join! Religious School students will be taken directly from class to the program. A dairy lunch will be provided. Scan code to register.



SOIL & SOUL FIELD TRIP FOR 3RD-5TH GRADE

Monday, October 12 • 8:45AM

We invite all 3rd - 5th graders in the Anshe Emet and Temple Sholom communities to join us for an awesome hands-on experience at the Institute of Soil and Soul, a Jewish Farm in Long Grove, IL. If family members are interested in joining, please reach out to Betsy at Betsy@sholomchicago.org or scan the code to register.



CALLING ALL 5TH-8TH GRADERS WHO LOVE TO SING!

This year, Kol HaNoar will sing alongside Jacob's Ladder at our Kaplan Concert on December 13! (See page 6) Contact afeiglin@ansheemet.org to get involved.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MADRICHIM FOR 8TH-12TH GRADE

Apply to be a madrich/a in the Joseph & Belle Braun Anshe Emet Religious School for the 2026-27 school year!

Who can apply? 8th-12th graders interested in supporting the Joseph & Belle Braun Religious School at Anshe Emet Synagogue in various capacities. The madrichim program is for Anshe Emet members. Please note that 8th graders are only able to apply for Thursday positions.

We are looking for teens who are willing to learn, work on a team, and have dedication to Anshe Emet and the students of the Religious School. Available placements include: classroom support (JK-8th grade) and specialty madrichim (1-on-1 support, office support, Hebrew learning, etc.). Religious school is in session Sundays 8:30AM-12:15PM and Thursdays 4PM-6:15PM.



HHD MADRICHIM FOR 9TH-12TH GRADE

We are looking Anshe Emet members who are in 9th-12th grade to help with kids' programming during the High Holy Days. You can sign up for one-hour shifts. Dates include September 12, 13, & 21.



Affinity Groups • Community at anshe

ANSHEEMET.ORG/EVENTS

Sisterhood



AES is looking forward to the New Year with new programs and new leadership.

Anita Shore, presently Sisterhood's Secretary will become our President. She has been an active member of the Board, having lead several programs and has an expertise in organization. Marcie Marcovitz will be there to make sure there is smooth transition.

The transition formally occurs at our **Annual Meeting, Sisterhood in the Sukkah, October 1st, at 6PM**. The event is free to members and \$36 for non-members.

Our **annual Sisterhood Shabbat is scheduled for February 6, 2027**. Once again, our members will be conducting the service under the supervision of the AES Clergy.

Our **Torah Fund Reception** is in the capable hands of Co-Chairs Laura Kordon and Jill Tomar. Torah Fund is an international scholarship program for students at all Conservative/Masorti schools. This year's theme is *Shema Koleinu*—Hear our Voice.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Sisterhood is pleased to continue providing **Kiddish Cups for b'nai mitzvot**. It is a privilege to be a part of our youth's connection to Judaism.

The **High School Grad Connection** is planning this year's Hanukkah's packages.

All Sisterhood members are welcome to join the **Sisterhood Book Group**. Our first book for this fall is *Theo of Golden* which we will discuss on Thursday, September 3. If interested, please contact Judy Metzger at hgmet1@aol.com.

Sisterhood is an affiliate of Women's League for Conservative Judaism—website 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

Membership Renewal: We hope you have renewed or newly chosen to be a member of Men's Club for 2026-2027. **To become a Men's Club member and to learn more, please contact Neil Stern at neilsternphotos@gmail.com.**

New Fundraising Initiative - The Camp Scholarship Fund: Men's Club has committed to fundraise so more AES families can send their children to Jewish camps. Anshe Emet has long had funds to assist with this, and Men's Club is now dedicated to helping this fund to do more. Why this fund and why now? A key long-term strategy to fight antisemitism is to help parents raise proud and knowledgeable Jewish children. Jewish camping advances this because it is deeply experiential and immersive. Throughout the year, Men's Club will provide opportunities to participate in this fundraising initiative.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah II, followed by a Men's Club Sponsored Snack & Schmooze Sunday, September 13 at 5PM.

Join the Anshe Emet community on the evening of Rosh Hashanah II for a musical Tashlich service at the Waveland Clocktower at 5PM. Following Tashlich, stay to schmooze and snack on sweets for the new year, sponsored by the Anshe Emet Men's Club. No registration required.

Men's Club Steak & Shots in the Sukkah Monday, September 28 at 6:30PM

Join us for great company, delicious food, and an expert presentation and tasting of fine whiskeys. This year we are honoring **Cantor Josh Rosenberg** and **Rabbi Vanessa Harper**. Cantor Josh is our celebrated Cantor Sheini and his wife, Rabbi Vanessa Harper is the Director of Jewish Studies at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. Registration will open on Monday, August 31. This event will be capped at 80 attendees and is first-come first-served. Registration will close upon reaching capacity or by Monday, September 14 at noon.

Kol Tuv,

Barry Seeskin

President, Anshe Emet Men's Club

Jay Lewkowicz

Vice President, Programming, Anshe Emet Men's Club

Caring Committee



JOIN THE CARING COMMITTEE!

When members of our community need support, the Caring Committee steps in with kindness, compassion, and practical help.

We Help By:

- Delivering meals to families welcoming a new baby
- Providing meals for congregants who are ill or recovering
- Driving congregants to doctor's appointments and hospital visits
- Offering connection and support during challenging times

WE COULD USE SOME EXTRA OOMPH!

The Caring Committee is looking for volunteers who can:

- Deliver a meal
- Provide a ride
- Help coordinate outreach
- Be a caring point of connection

Whether you help once a month or once in a while, your presence makes a meaningful difference.

Small acts of care build a stronger community.

Interested in joining the Caring Committee?

Contact Jan Schwartz to learn more at janlschwartz1952@gmail.com.



Wednesdays, October 28

JCC COMMUNITY DAYS

12PM Lunch • 12:30PM Program. Check online for more information and registration.

SHANA TOVA

From the Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics!

To celebrate the new year, the Sarnoff Center has provided Rosh Hashana gift bags to our community. The Sarnoff Center is a local resource dedicated to education about recessive genetic conditions and hereditary cancers more common in the Jewish community. They offer free consultations with a genetic counselor and access to comprehensive, low-to-no cost carrier screening and hereditary cancer testing.

Make a New Year's resolution to be proactive about your genetic health.

Learn more and take the first step at JewishGenetics.org

The Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics is a supporting foundation of the Jewish United Fund, and is supported in part by the Michael Reese Health Trust.



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PLEASE DONATE TO THE ARK!

Take part in this holiday seasons collection drive as Anshe Emet partners with the ARK.

Visit: arkchicago.org/packthepantry-anshe-emet
or scan code below:

This year, we will NOT be accepting on-site donations due to limited space caused by building construction.



DONATE DOLLARS: Make a direct financial contribution to support The Ark's food security programs.

CLICK AND SHIP: Purchase pantry items through Anshe Emet's dedicated Amazon link and have them shipped directly to The Ark.

SHOP AND DROP: Collect and deliver food directly to The Ark using the pantry shopping list and drop-off instructions provided on the page.

Yom Kippur Learning Session

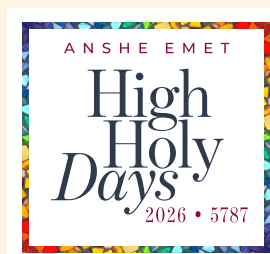
Anshe Emet is excited to provide a special learning session with incoming Senior Rabbi, Michel Schlesinger!

Monday, September 21
3PM



Pre-recorded conversation between Rabbi Michel Schlesinger, incoming Anshe Emet Senior Rabbi, and Rev. John Christopher Ballard, Rector of Trinity-St. John's Church in Hewlett, New York, on the Book of Jonah and its themes for Yom Kippur.

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A Gentle Reminder About Children on Shabbat

We are blessed to have so many children in our community, and we love seeing them experience the joy of synagogue life.

To help ensure a safe, respectful, and meaningful Shabbat environment for everyone, we ask that parents and caregivers actively supervise their children at all times. Running in hallways, entering unauthorized areas, and disruptive behavior can create safety concerns and interfere with prayer, learning, and congregational activities. Supervised spaces for children are: Room 103 and the Reich Conference Room from 9:30AM-12:30PM.

We understand that children have energy and that occasional noise is part of a vibrant community. At the same time, we ask families to help children understand appropriate behavior in our shared spaces and to accompany younger children when they are outside of designated youth services.

Thank you for your partnership in creating a warm, welcoming, and respectful Shabbat experience for all.

Misheberach List

If you would like to have a name placed on the misheberach (prayer for healing) list, contact Chaim Tempesco at ctempesco@ansheemet.org or 773.868.5125. Names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

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

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