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A Message from Rabbi Ebstein

Shalom,

In a few weeks, many of us will be sitting down to a beautiful Thanksgiving meal with family or friends. I have always loved Thanksgiving because it is the one day of the year that almost all Americans are celebrating the same holiday. On Friday evening, December 4, Jews the world over will light our 1st Hanukkah candle just before we light our Shabbat candles. As we do so, we will remember Judah Maccabee and his men's heroic ability to overcome religious persecution.

You may remember that on Rosh Hashanah, I emphasized that during these complicated times, resilience is simply not enough for the Jewish people. Instead, we must take responsibility to learn our history, own it, and share it widely. It turns out that Rabbis all over the US imparted similar messages in their High Holy Day sermons. Rabbi Angela Buchdahl of Central Synagogue in Manhattan wrote, "And since when do we Jews let other people do our naming for us? If we refuse the Zionist name because others have smeared it, or because some have stained it with violence, we hand the word to its most fanatical followers and its most hostile opponents. We abandon the Zionists working every day to build a more just, secure, and peaceful Israel for all its inhabitants. And we surrender a word that has carried the dreams, sacrifices, and hopes of *Am Yisrael* for generations."

Perhaps the most powerful message was from the hourlong sermon by Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, the Rabbi of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, in which he argued that if this "unhinged, obsessive loathing of Israel spreads, America will pay the price, too."

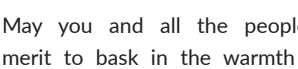
As we approach Hanukkah, the Rabbis of the Talmud call upon us to light our *Chanukiyot* publicly and visibly, in our windows that face the street. This mitzvah called פרסומי ניסא — *Pirsumei Nesa* (publicizing the miracle), is required of us despite the darkness of the antisemitism and anti-Zionism spreading around us, challenging once again our right to exist as Jews inextricably bound up with Israel and the Jewish people. The Rabbis specify that even in dangerous times we must fulfill this mitzvah. (Please note that if it is truly risky for you to display your *chanukiyah*, then don't do it).

Lighting our *chanukiyot* publicly is a declaration of our belief in the power of miracles and the positive role the Jewish community plays in this country. The lights of Hanukkah banish the darkness, hatred and bigotry that oppresses all Americans, no matter what their beliefs and practices.

As the light emanating from our *chanukiyah* increases each night, I pray that, so too, will our recognition of our responsibility to refute the big lies that threaten both our community and our country. Let us instead share our proud history that is illuminated with light and understanding, as we truly help to fix the world.

May you and all the people that you love merit to bask in the warmth and love of the Hanukkah lights!

Rabbi David Ebstein





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A Message From Our Board President

Friends,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the High Holy Days this year. Our remarkable Clergy outdid themselves through their beautiful words and music, creating services that were meaningful, inspiring, and uplifting. That 4,000 of us were able to gather so comfortably and meaningfully in our building in the midst of significant construction is a testament to the extraordinary work of our clergy and staff. When you are next in the building, please extend a huge thank you to them for all they did—both behind the scenes and throughout the *Chagim*—to make these sacred days so special for our community.

I hope that while at services on the holidays you were able to take one of the AES Program Guides. Please take some time to review the upcoming programs. SPOILER ALERT for those who haven't yet had a chance to review: our programs for the next 12 months are incredibly impressive.

Our teens have BBYO, where they discover leadership, friendship, and a Jewish identity that will anchor them long after they leave our doors. If you have a young person in your life, encourage them to come. If you don't, consider supporting the chapter that shapes the next generation of our community's leaders.

This year we are also privileged to host extraordinary voices. Haviv Rettig Gur will help us think clearly and honestly about Israel and the Jewish future at a moment when clarity feels in short supply. And Idan Raichel will remind us that Jewish peoplehood also sounds like music—a fusion of cultures, languages, and hearts. These are not evenings to read about afterward. They are evenings to be in the room for.

Closer to home, our Clergy teach classes throughout the year that are, quite simply, gifts. Whether you are a lifelong learner, or someone who has always felt a little unsure in a Jewish text, there is a seat at the table for you. And each week, our Lerner's class on Friday mornings enable you to engage deeply on a piece of Jewish text and to find its relevance and resonance in your life.

Come learn. Come listen. Come sing. Come home to AES, and keep coming.

Warmly,
Sam



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 THIRD WINDOW on the south side focuses on the Hebrew prophets. The window shows Isaiah with the quote: "And I will bring destruction onto the evil ones," (Isaiah 13:11). The window shows the destruction of Babylon, with the *ziggurat* toppled and symbols destroyed, while the prophet, as a shepherd, leads his sheep back to quiet waters.

The sides of the window list the three major prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel) and the 12 minor prophets. The phrase on the bottom, in the middle panel, states: "For the work of the righteous shall be peace" (Isaiah 32:17).

Programs at anshe

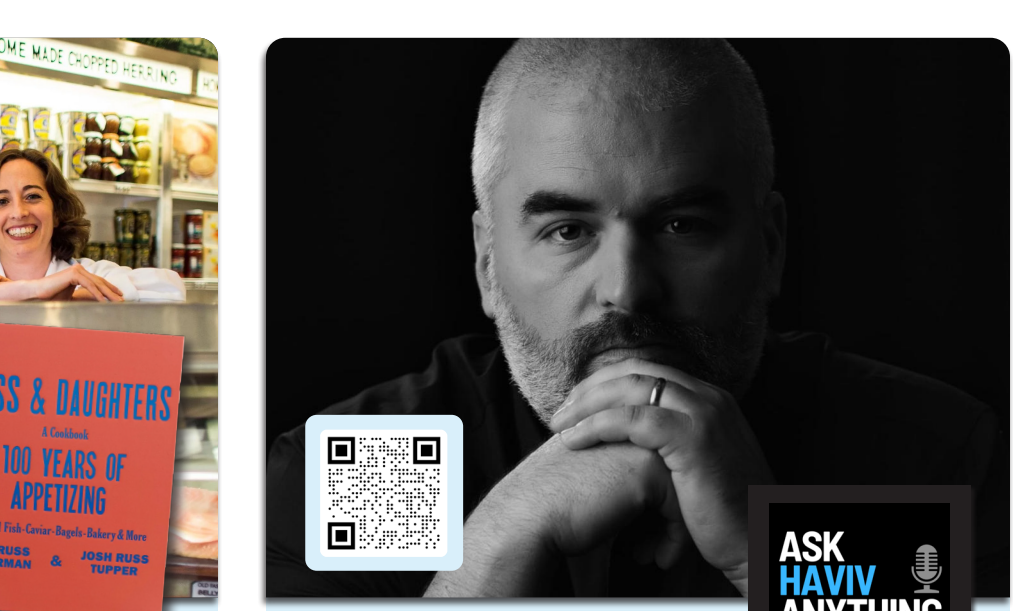
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Anshe Eats Presents:
Russ & Daughters

Monday, November 2 · 7PM

Join us for a special evening with **Niki Russ Federman** and **Josh Russ Tupper**, fourth-generation owners of New York City's iconic Russ & Daughters. Celebrating their new cookbook, *Russ & Daughters: 100 Years of Appetizing*, Niki and Josh will share family stories, the rich history of their beloved business, and the recipes that have made Russ & Daughters a culinary institution for generations. They will be joined in conversation by Anshe Emet Board Member **Jodi Gruber**, followed by a tasting featuring dishes from the cookbook—such as potato kugel, mushroom barley soup, and challah bread pudding—giving guests the opportunity to experience these celebrated recipes firsthand. Register as a sponsor to receive a reserved seat in Blum and a spot in the parking lot, as well as a swag bag with coveted Russ & Daughters merch. **Cookbooks will be available for purchase and signing after the event!**

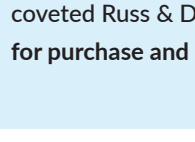


Israel's True Origins and the Secret of Israeli Resilience with
Haviv Rettig Gur

Sunday, November 15 · In Person Only
5PM · Program followed by dessert reception

Join us for a very special program with Israeli Journalist Haviv Rettig Gur on Israel's origins and resilience.

There are two kinds of Zionism: The array of idealistic ideologies carrying that label—religious, cultural, socialist, liberal, etc., and the more prosaic Zionism: that of Pinsker and Herzl and Ben Gurion—Zionism as a vast, desperate rescue operation. The first kind gets all the attention and is the focus of elite discourse, but it is the second that actually built Israel. This is a social history of the millions of ordinary people whose experiences and travails gave Zionism its strength and resilience over the past 140 years.



Want to learn more about programs & events?
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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 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

Fridays · 8:30AM · Hybrid

This year, the Lerners 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.*



HEBREW DECODING BOOTCAMP WINTER/SPRING SESSION

Course 101

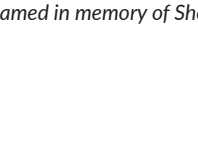
Mondays · 6PM · In Person

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. Email Emma Sternberg at esternberg@ansheemet.org to join the class email ist.



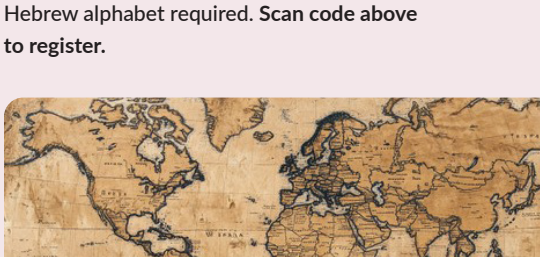
Want to learn more about Adult Education?
Contact Rabbi Benjy Forester
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Torah Trope 101

Course 101

Taught by
Cantor Josh Rosenberg
Thursdays · 7PM · In-Person
November 5, 12, 19,
December 3, 10, & 17.

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. **Scan code above to register.**



Five Jewish Ideas That Changed Our World

Taught by Rabbi Michael Siegel, Rabbi Emeritus
Wednesdays · 7:30PM · Virtual
November 11, 18, December 2, 9, 16

Behind the great moral achievements of Western civilization—human rights, the abolition of slavery, the dignity of every person, the belief that history can improve—lie five Jewish ideas. This series traces each one from its roots in Torah and the Prophets through its development in rabbinic and medieval thought, and into our own urgent moment. Join us as we explore texts, both ancient and modern, and engage with one another in discussion. The only prerequisite for the class is your curiosity.

Music Center at anshe

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ANSHE EMET MUSIC CENTER PRESENTS

THE 24TH ANNUAL DR. ARNOLD H. KAPLAN CONCERT



FEATURING **JACOB'S LADDER**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

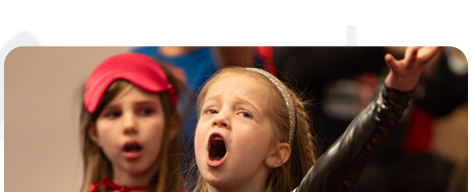
4PM • Reception | 5PM • Concert

Join us for a joyful and spirited evening for the whole community! We're thrilled to welcome **Jacob's Ladder**, an internationally touring band pushing the boundaries of contemporary Jewish music and traditional American Roots music through Jewish communal singing and prayer. **Learn more and check out their music at jacobsladdermusic.com.**

Scan QR Code to learn more and register.

KAPLAN Co-Chairs:
Elizabeth and Elliot Darvick & Shari Young-Lewis and Jeffrey Lewis

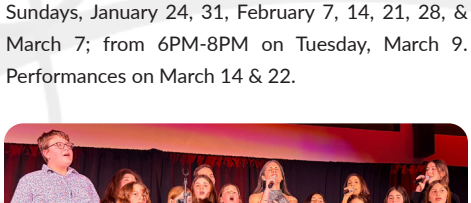
This year's Kaplan Concert is lovingly underwritten by The Sarah Danielle Goldberg Cultural Arts Fund for Anshe Emet.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PURIM SPIEL!

If you love to sing, dance and make merry and are between the ages of 6-106, join the Purim Spiel! This year's theme is **Fairytales**, and we will tell the Purim story through the music of your **Disney** favorites. **Email Aviva Feiglin at afeiglin@ansheemet.org, or join us at our first rehearsal to sign up.**

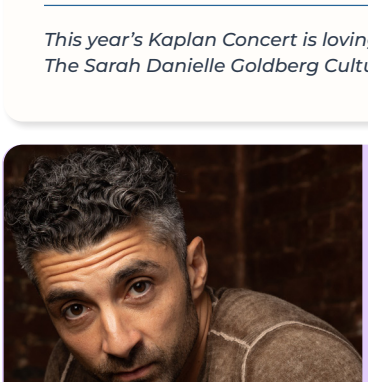
Rehearsals will be from 12:30PM - 2:30PM on Sundays, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, & March 7; from 6PM-8PM on Tuesday, March 9. Performances on March 14 & 22.



KOL HANOAR

All students in **5th–8th grade** are invited to sing in this year's Kaplan concert featuring Jacob's Ladder on Sunday, December 13. **Reach out to afeiglin@ansheemet.org to get involved.**

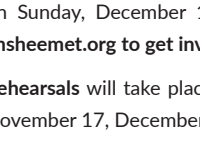
Rehearsals will take place from 4:30PM-5:15PM on November 17, December 1 & 8.



Shabbat Shira Featuring Noah Aronson

January 22 - 23, 2027

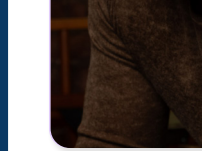
Join us for *Shabbat Shira*, our "Shabbat of Song," as we immerse ourselves in the inspiring music of Jewish rock star **Noah Aronson**. Noah will join our clergy to lead Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday night, as well as our Youth and Sanctuary services on Shabbat morning. Come sing, celebrate, and experience the joy of Shabbat through music—everyone is welcome! *This year's Shabbat Shira is lovingly underwritten by The Sarah Danielle Goldberg Cultural Arts Fund for Anshe Emet.*



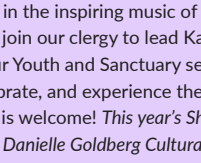
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Young Adult Division at anshe

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RUSS & DAUGHTERS

Monday, November 2 • 7PM

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HAVIV RETTIG GUR

Sunday, November 15
5PM Program+Dessert Reception

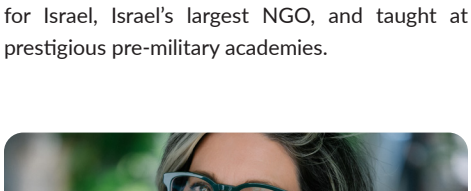
Haviv Rettig Gur is a veteran Israeli journalist, host of "Ask Haviv Anything" podcast, Middle East analyst at "The Free Press", and senior analyst at "The Times of Israel." He has covered Israel's politics, foreign policy, education system and relationship with the Jewish diaspora since 2005, reported from over 20 countries, served as director of communications for the Jewish Agency for Israel, Israel's largest NGO, and taught at prestigious pre-military academies.



YOUNG ADULT HANNUKAH PARTY!

Thursday, December 10

Join the Chicago Young Adult Community for a Hannukah Party at Barcocina! We will have a private room reserved from 7PM-10PM with vegan and kosher options as well as Sufganiyot. This is in partnership with Temple Shalom Makom, Chicago Sinai & Mishkan.



JESSICA STEINBERG

Thursday, January 14

Jessica Steinberg is the long-time arts and culture editor for *The Times of Israel*, who pivoted to coverage of the hostages taken captive to Gaza during the Hamas terrorist attacks of October 7, covering their stories in articles and as a host of the Daily Briefing podcasts. Now, more than three years after October 7, 2023, and the ensuing wars with Iran, Jessica takes audiences through the experiences of the last months, as she gets to know the surviving hostages and keeps looking at Israeli society at war and as it holds onto hope for the future.

Participate in

Ritual at anshe

TORAH READING:

Interested in reading Torah in the Siegel Sanctuary on Shabbat and holiday? Sign up using the QR code below! This invitation also goes out to those who want to "get back into it" or the "I haven't read Torah since my Bar/Bat Mitzvah" folks. Yair Bernstein is here to support you to ensure you feel confident and ready when you get to the Bimah!



Yair Bernstein
Director of Ritual Advancement
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THANK YOU AND A BIG *YESHAR KOACH* TO ALL THE 3RD – 6TH GRADERS WHO READ TORAH AT OUR READICULOUS EVENT ON EREV SIMCHAT TORAH!

Jack Goldstein
Rina Fleischer
Ruth Ganong
Benjamin Ganong
Shira Schwartz
Mia Shechter
Samuel Pomeranz
Olivia Darvick
Yuval Bernstein
Gabriel Wendt
Molly Schaffer
Lilah Gruber
Zelma Weiss
Charlie Weiss
Ariel Seeskin
Ayala Krugel-Lee
Dora Krugel-Lee
Rina Krugel-Lee
Miriam Wendt
Shachar Bernstein
Tal Galili
Sadie Garfinkel
Eva Schaffer

SHABBAT SHIRA FEATURING NOAH ARONSON

Friday, January 22

Join us for a special Young Adult Division (ages 22-36) where we will be joined by singer and songwriter, **Noah Aaronson**. He will join us for a musical service, join us for dinner, and preform some songs after dinner. Shabbat starts with services starting at 6PM, followed by a dinner at 7:15PM. Scan QR code above to learn more and register for this event.

Youth & Teens at anshe

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Want to learn more about Religious School & Youth Programming? Contact
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Introducing Marina

Hi, my name is Marina Foss and I am beyond excited about joining the Anshe Emet team. I am looking forward to building our youth and teen programming and creating meaningful Jewish connections with our younger congregants. I am a graduate from the University of Illinois where I majored in global studies with a concentration in environmental sustainability. After graduating, I moved to Thailand and taught Kindergarten English just outside of Bangkok; It was the most incredible experience and a time of great learning and growth. When I am not at work, you can find me cooking, reading a book, or in my garden. My favorite Jewish holiday is Passover. I love seders with my family and matzah pizza for dinner. I am super excited to become a part of the Anshe Emet community!

Religious School started on October 18 and is off to a great start!
Come join us—
It's never too late to enroll!

Young Families



BABY BEGINNINGS FOR AGES 0-1 YEAR OLD

Fridays · 11AM

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 Chicago, we bring in experts in the field to sing, stretch, engage in sensory play and more.

This session meets Fridays November 6, 13, 20; December 4, & 11 at 11AM.



TINY TASTES OF TRADITION FOR AGES 2-4 YEARS OLD

November 8 · Shabbat Theme
December 6 · Hanukkah Theme

Join **Chef Micah Siva** to dive into cooking traditional Jewish holiday favorites with your little one (2-4 year olds). This class will be full of sensory play and incorporate holiday songs and stories. Chef Siva is a chef, recipe developer, dietitian, and author of ***Nosh with Micah***. Start time is 9:30AM.

BBYO

BBYO is the world's leading pluralistic Jewish teen movement and is open to 8th-12th graders. It offers exceptional teen leadership programs and identity-enriching experiences. More than 50 teens from Anshe Emet joined BBYO since our partnership began in the fall of 2024.

Anshe Emet members are eligible for a $100 discount on their BBYO membership, so for a one-time fee of $149, you'll become a BBYO member for life! Find out more at bbyo.org.
Reach out to gmr@bbyo.org or to Anshe Emet's Director of Education and Innovation, Mardi Caminer, at mcaminer@ansheemet.org, with any questions.

Youth



ROCK OF AGES

December 12 · 5:30PM

Get ready to reach new heights this Hanukkah! Join us for an exciting rock climbing event that celebrates strength, courage, and the Festival of Lights. We will gather for Havdalah at 5:40PM and then start climbing! Delicious Hanukkah treats will be provided.

J2M4:

Thank you to all the 4th grade families who joined us for the J2M4 Family Meeting on October 22nd! Our next J2M4 session will take place on Friday, March 5, 2027, from 4:45PM–8PM. Please save the date and look for registration details as the session approaches.

Save the date! J2M4 Session & Friday Night Dinner Friday, March 5, 2027 at 4:45PM. Register via the QR code.

J2M5:

Reminder to all families with a 5th grader that our first J2M5 session will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 9:45AM.

Save the date for our 5th Grade Family B'nai Mitzvah Meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2027, from 6:30PM–8PM. Register via the QR code.

Scan for J2M5 Sessions:

Scan for 5th Grade Meeting

J2M6:

Session 1: Sunday, November 8
Session 2: Sunday, November 15
Join us at 9:15AM for breakfast, followed by our formal session at 9:45AM. We will wrap up by 11:30AM. Sign up for Sunday Morning Sessions via QR code.

Save the date!
Session 3: Sunday, January 10
J2M6 Friday Night Dinner: Friday, January 22
Session 4 (final session of the J2M program!): Sunday, January 24. Sign up for Friday Night Dinner via QR code.

Scan for J2M6 Sessions:

Scan for J2M6 Dinner

IsraelNow

Join Jewish 8th 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!

2027 Trip Dates:
February 14-23, & March 21-30

AKLA 8th Grade Lakeview Series

We are offering two 8th grade series throughout the 2026-2027 school year. All Jewish 8th graders are invited to join for one or both unique series. **Series 1** offers a special opportunity to visit Temple Sholom, Anshe Emet, and Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel to learn about different denominations of Judaism. On the final Sunday, we will visit the Anne Frank Exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Series 2 has our 8th graders joining the AKLA program which includes visits to Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine, Adler Planetarium, and a behind-the-scenes tour of Wrigley Field.

Series 1 Dates | 9:30AM - 11AM
November 1, 8, 15, and December 13
Series 2 Dates (AKLA) | 9:30AM - 11AM
February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 7

Jewish United Fund TOGETHER *for* GOOD

SKIP Send a Kid to Israel Partnership

Anshe Emet partners with Jewish United Fund (JUF) in JUF's Send A Kid to Israel Partnership, which allows Anshe Emet families to contribute towards a savings fund that Anshe Emet and JUF contribute to. The funds in this account accrue interest and can be used to fund an Israel trip for your child. **Students in 3rd through 9th grade are eligible to enroll and contribute annually towards their SKIP account.**

Annual Contributions - Total of $255 per year
JUF contributes $85 annually to your child's SKIP account AES contributes $70 annually to your child's SKIP account Your family contributes $100 annually to your child's SKIP account.

Scan here to fill out the contribution form:

Please email **Emma Sternberg** at **esternberg@ansheemet.org** with any questions about SKIP and/or contributions.

AM YISRAEL HIGH · AYH · FOR GRADES 9-12 · TEEN LEARNING · ANSHE EMET

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.

Register via QR code:

AROUND THE WORLD

December 13
Join Anshe Emet teens as we virtually talk with Bulgarian teens about what Jewish Life looks like for them in Bulgaria.

Affinity Groups • Community at anshe

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Sisterhood

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We are excited for the coming year! Our goal is to provide opportunities for learning, connection and community through a variety of engaging programs. Please reach out to us with your ideas!

Learning with Sisterhood

We are currently planning an educational series on topical Jewish issues with Rabbi Marianne Novak and Rabbi Vanessa Harper. R' Novak is an Orthodox Rabbi, instructor and curriculum developer for the Florence Melton Adult School of Jewish Learning. R' Harper is Director of Jewish Studies at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. Details to be provided soon.



Sisterhood Book Group

Thursday, November 5 at 6:30PM. Join us for a lively discussion of *This Is Not About Us*, in which author Allegra Goodman traces the small but vivid dramas of one sprawling Jewish family. This is a professionally facilitated book group and there is a small cost to participate. If interested, please contact Judy Metzger at hgmet1@aol.com.

Sisterhood Shabbat

February 6, 2027. Join us for this lovely annual service, which will be led by Sisterhood members. Chair: Larisa Kenen. Sisterhood members are encouraged to participate.

Torah Fund Reception

Spring 2027. Torah Fund supports scholarships, programs, and special projects in the worldwide Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher Jewish learning. This year's theme Shema Koleinu, Hear our Voice, marks 40 years since the first female cantor was invested. Donors will receive a Torah Fund pin with its joyful women and musical symbolism expressing the right of every woman's voice to be heard.
Co-Chairs: Jill Tomar and Laura Kordon. https://www.wlcj.org/torahfund/

ONGOING PROGRAMS

The High School Grad Connection is planning this year's Hanukkah's packages. Please send the name and address of recent grads to Marla Gordon, marlasg@aol.com. Sisterhood is also pleased to continue providing **Kiddush Cups for B'nai Mitzvot**. It is a privilege to be a part of our youth's connection to Judaism.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT PROGRAMS

Sisterhood was honored by Anshe Emet during Chol HaMoed Sukkot Morning Services. We helped create a minyan where members read Torah, everyone said Hallel and shook the Lulav! That evening over 50 members celebrated Sukkot at our lovely annual meal. The following slate of officers was elected for the 2026-2028 term: Anita Shore, President; Marcie Marcovitz, Immediate Past President; Marla Gordon, Treasurer; Rhonda Singer, Membership Chair; Deborah J. Gubin and Laura Kordon, Past Presidents Emeritus. Directors at Large are Julian Blumenthal, Antonieta Diaz, Larisa Kenen, Tree Kuberski, Nancy Kohn and Jill Tomar. A special thank you to Marcie Marcovitz for her leadership and guidance the past four years! We wish her happiness as she makes her new home in the Philadelphia area.

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

Men's Club

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We are excited for the coming year! Our goal is to provide opportunities for learning:

Men, Meat, and Midrash with Milt's
Thursday, December 10 • 6:30PM
Please join us for an evening discussion led by our very own Interim Senior Rabbi David Ebstein. He will be leading what is sure to be a thoughtful and enjoyable talk while we are enjoying a meal from Milt's Barbecue. The cost will be $25, which includes your food selection, appetizers, and beverages. See the Anshe Emet weekly emails and website for registration information.

SAVE THE DATE

Men's Club Shabbat
January 9, 2027 • 9:30AM
This regular Sanctuary service will celebrate and recognize our Men's Club with many members of Men's Club participating in the service.

World Wide Wrap
February 7, 2027 • 8:15AM
Sunday morning instructional minyan including the traditions of tallit and tefillin, with a breakfast to follow.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not yet joined, you are still welcome to join our group for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. Not only will you enjoy learning, good times and tradition, but also helping support the Anshe Emet Camp Scholarship Fund. A portion of our proceeds and donations during our events is donated to that more than worthwhile cause. **To learn more, please contact Neil Stern at: NPSChicago@global.net.**

Gary Wigoda
President, Anshe Emet Men's Club

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Wednesday, December 9

JCC COMMUNITY DAYS

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

Hanukkah at anshe

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Join us on the very first night of Hanukkah, Friday, December 4 for a Hanukkah Shabbat. Services start at 6PM with beautiful melodies of the season and a special oneg to follow.



Help us spread some holiday cheer!

Join us in collecting new, unopened gifts and gift cards for all ages for **JCFS Chicago's Holiday Gift Drive**. Donations will be collected Sunday, November 15 through Monday, November 30.

The Holiday Gift Drive brings joy to hundreds of children and families in the Jewish and broader communities supported by JCFS Chicago. Help us make the holiday season a little brighter while strengthening belonging and well-being for children and families in our community.

To sponsor a child, register for a gift collection/drive, or make a monetary donation, REGISTER HERE.

December 6

Tiny Tastes of Traditions

Join Chef Micah Siva at 9:30AMto dive into cooking with your little one (2-4 year old). Micah Siva is a chef, recipe developer, dietitian, and author of *Nosh with Micah*. This class will be full of sensory play and incorporate traditional Jewish foods.

December 8

Community Hanukkah Celebration at Gallagher Way

December 10

Men, Meat, and Midrash

Join the AES Men's Club for Men, Meat, and Midrash with dinner from Milt's BBQ at 6:30PM. Learning will be led by AES Interim Senior Rabbi, Rabbi David Ebstein.

December 10

Young Adult Hanukkah Party

Join the Chicago Young Adult Community on Thursday, December 10th for a Hannukah part at Barcocina! We will have a private room reserved from 7PM-10PM with vegan and kosher options as well as Sufganiyot. This is in partnership with Temple Shalom Makom, Chicago Sinai & Mishkan.

December 12

Rock of Ages

Get ready to reach new heights this Hanukkah! Join us at 5:30PM for an exciting rock climbing event that celebrates strength, courage, and the Festival of Lights. We will gather for Havdalah at 5:40PM and then start climbing! Delicious Hanukkah treats will be provided.



Welcome to Anshe Emet

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A SYNAGOGUE IS MADE STRONGER EACH TIME SOMEONE CHOOSES TO MAKE IT THEIR SPIRITUAL HOME.

Since July 1, we have been delighted to welcome the following new members and families to Anshe Emet. Each brings new stories, experiences, talents and possibilities to our *kehillah*, and we are so grateful that they have chosen to become part of ours.



Want to learn more about Membership or Kadima! and donating to AES?Contact Hannah Jarvis 773.868.5143 Director of Development & Membership

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Hinei mah tov u'mah na'im, shevet achim gam yachad.

"How good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity."

— Psalm 133:1

To our newest members:

Welcome to Anshe Emet; we are so glad you are here!

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May we celebrate together, learn together, support one another, and continue to build this special community.

Sponsorships & Funds at anshe

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Anshe Emet is blessed to celebrate many special occasions, s'machot, in our community. Anshe Emet is now offering several sponsorship opportunities for you to consider in memory or honor of someone you love or in celebration of a simcha.

Flower Arrangements on the Bimah

$500

Anshe Emet features fresh flower arrangements on the Main Sanctuary bimah for all Shabbat services. The Flower sponsorship offer congregants celebrating a simcha or remembering a loved one the opportunity to help cover the cost of these flowers.

Friday Night Oneg

$540

Anshe Emet Synagogue offers a sweet snack after Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday night. The Oneg sponsorship offers congregants celebrating a simcha or remembering a loved one the opportunity to help cover the cost to these sweet treats.

Friday Night Shabbat Dinner

$2,500

Anshe Emet Synagogue sponsors a community Shabbat dinner once a month. This sponsorship ensures that every dinner is beautiful with flowers and warm touches. Most importantly, the sponsorship ensures that everyone can participate without a financial barrier.

Congregational Kiddush Sponsorship

$500-$3,600

Anshe Emet Synagogue provides Kiddush for the entire congregation after Shabbat morning services. The congregational Kiddush sponsorship offers congregants celebrating a simcha the opportunity to help underwrite a portion of this Kiddush.

Designated Giving

Anshe Emet Community Assistance Fund: This fund has been established to help community members who are in need of financial help during difficult times.

Rabbi Michael S. Siegel Israel Fund: This fund is dedicated to supporting our youth in traveling to Israel, ensuring that financial need is never a barrier to experiencing the profound connection, learning and identity that such journeys foster. This fund is dedicated to Rabbi Michael S. Siegel's lifelong commitment to Israel during his time as Senior Rabbi at Anshe Emet Synagogue.

Anshe Emet Music Center: At Anshe Emet, we believe that every voice is beautiful and hope to inspire and encourage you to find your unique voice within our diverse and expansive tradition. This fund has been established to further Anshe Emet's musical vision that will lead to a bright musical future by Cantor Rachel Brook.

Kahn Israel Education Fund: Ruth and David z"l Kahn received the Rabbi Michael S. Siegel Visionary Award in 2025. Due to their love and devotion to both Anshe Emet and the State of Israel, the Kahn's named this fund which will support meaningful programs and educational offerings about Israel.

Clergy Discretionary Funds: The clergy designate a specific portion from these funds to worthy Jewish causes in the Anshe Emet community and in the general Jewish community: making a contribution to the Masorti Movement, helping a family with financial hardship, sending a child to camp. The remainder is designated for Synagogue use.

Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi Advancement for Jewish Music Fund in Memory of Shifra and Zev Karkomi: This fund, in honor of Hazzan Mizrahi's 30 years of exemplary service to Anshe Emet Synagogue, is used to supplement and create vibrant musical programming at Anshe Emet.

Kiddush Luncheon Fund: Our Community Kiddush luncheon following Shabbat morning services is one of the best parts of Anshe Emet. People gather to celebrate, share stories, laugh, and meet new people. With a Community Kiddush, we build connections that create a strong, vibrant community. Please consider a contribution to the Kiddush Luncheon fund to help foster this sense of connection and unity.

Summer Camp Scholarship Kids' FUNd: The dollars collected for this FUNd will be used to support Anshe Emet families in sending their children to Jewish camp. Anshe Emet has hundreds of children who go to summer camp every year. We support over 40 families with scholarships to help them send their children on these worthwhile endeavors!

Refugee Resettlement Fund: Contributions to the Anshe Emet Refugee Resettlement Fund go toward supporting refugees and other vulnerable immigrants whom Anshe Emet has supported in resettling to Chicago. As these families often lack essential needs, your donation will make an impact in welcoming them to Chicago and helping them build their new life.

Simon Synagogue Fund: Pam and David "Scooter" Simon received the Rabbi Michael S. Siegel Visionary Award in 2019. Due to their love and devotion of Anshe Emet, the Simons named this fund which commemorates the memory of a loved one through a donation to Anshe Emet. Funds support general operating costs of the Synagogue.

Tullman Technology Fund: Judy and Howard Tullman received the Rabbi Michael S. Siegel Visionary Award in 2018 and established this fund to increase and enhance Anshe Emet's technological imprint. Donations will be used to help the Synagogue more effectively reach and involve members and will provide support for the growing and changing technological requirements of the congregation.

Rudy and Gretel Simon z"l Holocaust Education Fund: This fund supports immersive Holocaust education programming within the Anshe Emet community, offers financial underwriting for events such as survivor testimony evenings, educational film screenings, and Yom HaShoah commemorations, enriches Anshe Emet's youth and adult curricula by integrating historical scholarship, guest speakers, and experiential learning and fosters intergenerational understanding by ensuring access to programs for all congregants, regardless of ability to pay.

The Kadima! Campaign

"This season, both our souls and our spaces are under construction. Just as teshuva renews and strengthens our souls, our building renovations will strengthen and renew our beloved brick and mortar in order to ensure a thriving future.

And as important as the bricks and beams are around us, even more important is the Jewish life that fills the space inside. As our Torah teaches, וְעָשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכָם: *— make for me a Sanctuary so that I might dwell amongst you. First comes the structure, then comes the breath of Jewish life within."*

— Rabbi Benjy Forester
Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 Sermon, 5787

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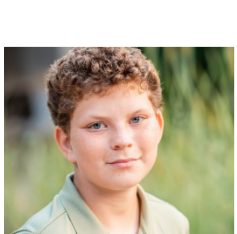
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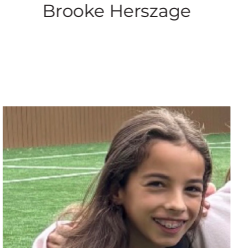
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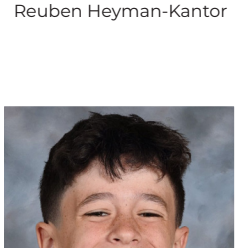
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A Gentle Reminder About Children on Shabbat

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 automatically removed from the list after 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.

Sincerest Condolences

Anshe Emet expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of:

Sylvia Goldberg
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