אנשי חסד
ANSCHE CHESED HINENI

SHOFTIM (Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9) **August 25, 2012 / 7 Elul 5772**
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:-55:5
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SHABBAT

Shabbat Morning Study 9:15 am
Daniel Rosen will lead the discussion.

Shabbat Morning Services
Sanctuary Service 9:45 am
Minyan M'at 10:00 am
West Side Minyan 10:00 am

West Side Minyan Kiddush:
All are welcome to join the West Side Minyan at a catered kiddush in honor of the recent wedding of Elie Terry and Rachel Mirkin. Elie is the son of long-time WSM member Beth Levine z"l and Avi Terry.

Services for Families and Children Will Resume in the Fall

Membership Renewals and High Holiday Tickets
Tickets are being mailed this week to those who have renewed their membership, along with information about service times, child care, and family and children's services. If you haven't yet renewed, please send in your forms. Membership applications and renewal forms as well as ticket request forms can be found on our website under the "Joining" tab.

Morning Minyan Needs You!
Please support Morning Minyan in the next few weeks when many regulars are away. Pick a day and show up: Monday and Thursday 7:20 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 Sunday and Labor Day 8:30

NEWS & NOTES

Condolences to:
Diana Geffner Ventura, Max and Julian Ventura on the death of their husband and father, David Ventura.

Rabbi's Elul Class: OPENING THE PRAYER BOOK

Please join Rabbi Kalmanofsky to study some of the highlights of the mahzor, the Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur prayer book, so that you can have a deeper experience when it comes time to recite these poems together on the holidays. We'll discuss what it means to wonder "who will live and who will die," to address "our Parent and King [or Queen]" and to try to rush through "as the gates are closing." Our discussions will be rewarding whether you have studied these prayers already or would like to open up their meaning.

3 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm
August 28, September 4, September 12

Celebrate the End of Summer at a Labor Day Weekend ROOFTOP BARBECUE!

Sunday, September 2 at 5:00 pm

Cost: Adults and Children 10 and up $15
Under 10 free.
Please sign up in advance so we know how many people to expect.
Sign up here:
http://wizevents.com/register/1605
or call ext. 205
in the Ansche Chesed office.

NEW ISRAEL FUND SPEAKER
Women Should Be Seen and Heard: Promoting Religious Pluralism in Israel

Join us for a brief presentation following Friday evening services on September 7.
As women are arrested for praying at the Western Wall, debate rages around Haredi enlistment in the IDF, and non-Orthodox streams of Judaism continue to be sidelined by the Israel government, the New Israel Fund is at the forefront of efforts to promote religious pluralism in Israel. **Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg**, NIF Grant Officer for the Religious Pluralism pool, will discuss these issues and the steps being taken to make Israel a more open and accepting society.

HEBREW READING MARATHON
Learn the basics of reading Hebrew in two sessions!
Taught by Michal Nachmany.
Monday, September 10
Wednesday, September 12
7:00-9:00 pm
Cost: $60.
RSVP to 212.865.0600 ext. 205 or sposen@anschechesed.org

AC SHELTER NEWS

The AC Shelter Really Needs Your Help This Summer!

Summer is a very difficult time in terms of staffing the shelter, as many of our student volunteers are away. Volunteering is easy — please help! Check the shelter calendar on our website to see which shifts need to be filled and email ansche.chesed.shelter@gmail.com if you can take a shift. Every new volunteer gets an orientation session.

Provide a Dinner for the Shelter

If you can't take a volunteer shift, this is a great way to help the guests! Look at the shelter calendar on our website for available dates, and email Ansche.chesed.shelter@gmail.com with a date that you would like to provide dinner.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Unfolding the Text: Reading Tanakh Through the Vision of Classical Jewish Exegesis

This fall, study with Professor Robert Harris of JTS and explore the process through which Jews have read Tanakh since the Middle Ages ["*parshanut*"] and how this resulted in what we call the Rabbinic Bible, or *Mikraot Gedolot*. After thoroughly discussing Jewish texts, we will look at several Christian texts that exemplify the influence of Jewish peshat teaching - and also texts that may show Christian influence on Jewish exegetes. Examples from the commentaries of Rashi, his grandson Rashbam, and others, will illuminate how they studied and worked, and how they interacted with their Christian contemporaries.

Mondays, 7:00-9:30 pm at Ansche Chesed starting October 15th, 2012. For registration and fee information contact: the Institute for Jewish Learning at the Jewish Theological Seminary (212-870-5850 or context@jtsa.edu). Registration open through September 12, 2012.

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THE ANSCHE CHESED HEBREW SCHOOL

Registration is Open for 2012-2013 at the Ansche Chesed Hebrew School!

We're excited to welcome both new and returning students (Grades PreK-8) to another enriching year of learning at ACHS. Our warm, community-oriented school features small classes, individualized instruction, and a foundation in whole-person learning that attends to the emotional, social, and experiential needs of each child. Our students become engaged, thoughtful members of the Jewish community, confident in their skills and knowledge and committed to living lives rooted in Jewish values.

Hebrew School not the Right Fit for Your Family?
Try Out Our New Derech Chesed Track!

Derech Chesed is a new program for families and students in grades 2-5 that allows your family to engage in personalized, meaningful Jewish learning on your own schedule and in your home.

MATAN - The Gift of Jewish Education for Every Child

ACHS is proud to offer a MATAN class for students with special learning needs.

For more information about or to enroll in The Ansche Chesed Hebrew School, Derech Chesed, or Matan, contact Rabbi Marci Jacobs Aronchick at mjacobs@anschechesed.org or 212-865-0600 ext. 208.

The Barry Pogash L'Dor v'Dor Society

Have you provided a bequest for Ansche Chesed in your will? Let us know so we can include you in the Barry Pogash L'Dor v'Dor Society. If you have not planned a bequest for Ansche Chesed please consider doing so and become a member of the Barry Pogash L'Dor v'Dor Society. Go to our home page and click on the "Donate" button for more information.

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