

This special edition of the Ansche Chesed bulletin features an article about AC's new Rabbi, Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky



An Introduction to Ansche Chesed's New Rabbi, Jeremy Kalmanofsky

by Rivka Widerman

When Jeremy Kalmanofsky began work as Ansche Chesed's new rabbi last month, he brought a multi-faceted approach to Jewish learning and worship and a profound love for the poetry of Jewish life.

"I feel really blessed to be able to do this," he said. "This community has so many assets—intellectually, politically, spiritually, culturally. It's going to be a fun challenge."

Rabbi Kalmanofsky, 35, comes to Ansche Chesed from The Jewish Theological Seminary [JTS], where he served as Assistant Dean of the Rabbinical School. Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, he has worked at JTS as an instructor, adviser and administrator since his ordination in 1997.

Shifting from an academic institution to a synagogue is exciting, Rabbi Kalmanofsky said, because it creates opportunities for a

broader range of religious leadership. "Studying Torah will always be a huge part of my life. But the Talmud also teaches that: 'One who only studies Torah doesn't really believe in God.' I took on this pulpit so I could share more of religious life with more people. More kids, more seniors. More birth and death, more joy and sorrow."

Even before attending JTS, Rabbi Kalmanofsky worked on issues of community as a newspaper reporter. Keeping citizens informed about society and politics is important work, he believes. He liked the immediacy of daily journalism but found it frustrating, too. "*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, where I worked, used to shred last week's papers and sell them to farms as animal bedding," he recalled. "It's a depressing metaphor when your work becomes a sheep's bathroom."

Ultimately, he left journalism for the rabbinate because he "wanted to work on problems that have eternal significance, and cannot be measured in dollars and cents."

HOLD THE DATES:

September 7, 2001

Rabbi Kalmanofsky's Official Welcome to Ansche Chesed

We are delighted to invite the Ansche Chesed community to a special Kabbalat Shabbat program and dinner in honor of our new rabbi, Jeremy Kalmanofsky.

Please call the AC office (212) 865-0600 for reservations.

September 9, 2001, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Sunday Morning Bagels and Coffee at Ansche Chesed

Come meet our new rabbi, Jeremy Kalmanofsky.

Words for God: Confession, Speech and the Season of Repentance

Four Free Public Classes by Jeremy Kalmanofsky,
Anshe Chesed's New Rabbi

Do Jews talk too much? We're practically the people of words, with a wordy tradition of study, lots of wordy prayers and innumerable long books. With all these words, it can be hard to get a word in edgewise!

And yet, our ancient prophets and sages taught that words are the keys that open the doors of repentance during the transformative season that begins in Elul, the month before Rosh HaShanah, and runs through the High Holidays. The words we say—words of confession and apology and prayer—can bring us near to God or keep us distant.

Please join Rabbi Kalmanofsky to explore Jewish wisdom on our rituals of confession and reconciliation to see how verbal *teshuvah* (repentance) might work in our lives.

The *Yamim Noraim*, the "awesome days" of Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, can be a time of inner growth and spiritual change. Like most awesome things, they don't come easy. They take work! Please come for any or all of Rabbi Kalmanofsky's classes to help prepare your heart and mind for a moving holiday season.

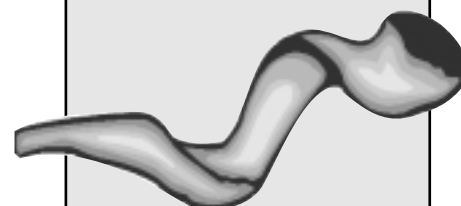
Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Anshe Chesed, August 30, September 6, September 13 and September 20

Selichot

**Saturday Night,
September 8,
2001**

10:00 p.m.
Study Session

11:00 p.m.
Selichot Service



Opportunities for Children: Learning at Anshe Chesed

The Twos, Threes and Fours: Anshe Chesed Nursery School

A warm, nurturing first school experience for your children with an emphasis on socialization. Child-centered, process-oriented and fun environment where children are encouraged to explore, learn and celebrate their uniqueness.

Limited spaces still available:

Twos

Mondays and Thursdays
10:45–12:45

Threes

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9:30–1:00

Fours

Mondays through Fridays
9:30–1:30

Please call Liege Motta, at the AC office (865-0600) for more information.

The Hebrew School at Anshe Chesed

Anshe Chesed's growing afternoon Hebrew School currently has classes for Pre-K through 6th grade and adds a grade every year. The staff creates a joyful atmosphere filled with passion for Jewish life, where students can find their own connection and add their own voices to the evolving Jewish tradition. The integrated curriculum exposes students to core Jewish texts, Hebrew language, holidays, prayers, mitzvot, and the Jewish community. The school also provides learning opportunities for parents who wish to increase their own Jewish knowledge.

***Shorashim–Kitah Alef* (Pre-K–1st grades):**

Wednesdays, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

***Kitot Bet–Daled* (2nd–6th grades):**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:45–5:45 p.m.

Please call our new Education Director, Rabbi Iscah Waldman, at the AC office (865-0600) for more information.

The Havurah School

The Havurah School is an independent, self-supporting school which has been a proud part of the Anshe Chesed community for over 25 years. We learn a wide variety of Jewish subjects and we learn primarily through the arts. Biblical improvisation, painting and drawing, work in clay, movement, creative writing, debate and music are some of the techniques we have utilized with great success to experientially understand the Torah, the holidays and the great themes of Jewish life, tradition and philosophy. Our classes are mixed age with a range of about three years and meet one day a week; each class is team taught.

For more information, please call Jerry Raik at 212-662-3436 or e-mail him at havurahschool@aol.com

Yamim Noraim

High Holy Days Schedule—For all Minyanim

Erev Rosh HaShanah Services

Monday Evening, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

First and Second Day of Rosh HaShanah

Tuesday and Wednesday September 18 & 19 at 9 a.m.

Tashlich

Tuesday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. (meet outside AC).
Families are welcome!

Rosh HaShanah Ma'ariv Services

Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Kol Nidre Services

Wednesday, September 26 at 6:15 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services

Thursday, September 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur Mincha/Neilah at 5:00 p.m.

Children are invited to help bring Yom Kippur to a close in the Sanctuary at 7:25 p.m. Yom Kippur ends with a final long *shofar* blast. We invite everyone who has a *shofar* to bring it along to Neilah and contribute your note to our joyful noise.

Joanna Selznick Dulkan, known to many families through her musical work with Ansche Chesed children, will lend her voice and participate in the Sanctuary High Holy Day Services.

REMINDER:

If you haven't already done so, please return your membership forms and High Holy Day seat reservations.

For more information about Ansche Chesed please return the form below to:

Ansche Chesed
251 West 100th Street
New York, NY 10025

Phone: 212-865-0600 ♦ Fax: 212-865-1700

Much of this information is also available on our web site: www.anschechesed.org



Please send me more information about Ansche Chesed and its programs.

In particular, I am interested in information about:

- Joining Ansche Chesed
- Attending High Holy Day services at Ansche Chesed
- The various minyanim at Ansche Chesed
- Children's Shabbat services and programming
- "Opportunities in Learning" adult education classes
- Nursery school program
- Educational opportunities for children
- Ansche Chesed Shelter and social action activities
- Social programs

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