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## What's Going On in the Department of Education and Family Programming?

By Rabbi Iscah Waldman

We've had a whirlwind few weeks so far as we tried to get into the spirit of the holidays with the heavy weight of recent events upon us.

Children's services are up and running, and are getting a nice turnout in all 4 services: Elaine's under age 2 service, and her 3 and 4-year olds service, Elena's aged 5-7 Family Service, and Mindy and Stephen's 8 and over service.

The children were well represented on the High Holidays as well, both in their own services and with lights in hand at Ne'ilah in the Sanctuary on Yom Kippur. In October we had our first family Shabbat service and dinner, the first Parent Learning Session with Rabbi Kalmanofsky, and the start of the Bogrim

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## Seudah Shlishit: The Third (and Most Spiritual) Sabbath Meal

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

The last hours of Shabbat can be the sweetest time of the sweetest day. As the sun sinks and the shadows grow, we can stave off the week-day spirit with our Seudah Shlishit (the "third meal"), a final occasion for song and study, food and drink. The commandment of eating a third meal on Shabbat was elevated by mystics to a spiritual high point, a time for discussing the inner meaning of the weekly reading. Join us 75 minutes before the end of Shabbat, to sing and learn and savor the final moments of the day of rest.

November 17 at 4:00 p.m.    February 9 at 5:00 p.m.  
December 8 at 4:00 p.m.    March 9 at 5:30 p.m.  
January 12 at 4:15 p.m.    April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

## The Hanukkah Arts Festival turns 21!!

***New York's longest running Judaica Crafts festival returns to Anshe Chesed Saturday evening and all day Sunday, December 1st and 2nd, just in time for holiday shopping and a tastebud tune-up for latkes and jelly doughnuts.***

The festival initially began as a way to bring AC families together. Over time it has become an event embraced by the wider New York Jewish community.

This year, as always, we have great food (did we mention latkes and egg creams?!), children's activities, books by AC authors, and an astonishing collection of Judaica arts and crafts.

Each year we have had an increase in the number of artists who wish to attend and show their work. Ellen Tucker, committee chair, reports that this year the Festival has received applications from more Israeli artists than ever before. "I've corresponded with these artists, mostly by e-mail," Ellen said, "and even after the tragedy of September 11th, they are still anxious to come to New York and to display at the Hanukkah Arts



*Menorah by Yossi Matityahu*

Festival. "Israeli artists in increasing numbers consider this show to be the premier venue for their work in this country. Many, such as Danny Azoulay, who does lovely painted ceramics, and Yossi Matityahu, who creates objects in silver and titanium, will be coming for the first time. We hope our Festival will become an annual event for them as it is for us."

This year's festival kicks off on Saturday evening December 1st with a great opportunity to socialize and to have the very first look and chance to buy the crafts at the Opening Gala. Join us at 8 p.m. for wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and dancing to klezmer music.

Family fun gets underway Sunday, December 2nd from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. While you shop for Hanukkah presents, there will be children's activities including songs and stories, arts and crafts, and face painting. In the gym we'll have latkes, egg creams, desserts and more.

Although we may never agree on the "perfect" latke or egg cream, we know that latkes shared with friends taste better. Come to the Hanukkah Arts Festival: spend time with friends, add to your dreidl collection, find perfect gifts, and support your synagogue and a talented group of artists at the same time. Join us and celebrate a 21-year-old Anshe Chesed tradition.



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Rose Ann Chasman*



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# Toda Raba

Thank you for your generosity

*The verse "they who provide charity for the many are like stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:3) refers to collectors for charity. (Babylonian Talmud: Baba Batra 8b)*

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# The Hanukkah Arts Festival turns 21!!

## Save the Dates!!!

### Don't miss the 21st Annual Hanukkah Arts Festival and Judaica Crafts Show

Saturday night, December 1, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday December 2, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The fabulous Opening Night Gala features fine wine, elegant hors d'oeuvres, delicious desserts, live klezmer music and an early opportunity to see and buy the finest in hand-crafted Judaica from talented American and Israeli artisans. Admission \$15.00.

#### Sunday, December 2, 11:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

The Crafts Fair opens an hour earlier than in previous years and continues throughout the day. The Café in



Miriam's Cups  
by Elisabeth Youngerman

the gym opens at noon with great home-cooked food to revive weary shoppers. Children's activities will include songs and stories, arts and crafts, and face painting. Admission \$5.00.

#### We Need Everyone's Help to Make the Festival a Success!

There are many, many jobs to be done both before and during the festival: helping with set-up, collecting money at the door, working in the kitchen, baking desserts, serving food, staffing the AC table, helping with kids' activities, and helping with clean-up, to name just a few! When your volunteer sign-up sheet arrives in the mail, please fill it out and return it promptly or simply call the AC office, (212) 865-0600, ext. 415, and leave your name, phone number, and email address.



Mezzuzah by  
Danny Azoulay

### Tour of the Shabbat Morning Service

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

Each week we will study a different section of the Shabbat morning liturgy, learning the structure, meaning, and customs associated with each part. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and discover the landscape and landmarks. After each session, participants will be encouraged to daven with the regular Shabbat morning minyanim, taking with them as a weekly kavanah or focus what they have just studied.

November 3: The *Sh'ma*

November 10: The *Sh'ma*

November 17: The *Amidah*

December 1: The *Amidah*

December 8: Reading the Torah

8 Sessions, beginning October 13  
Shabbat mornings, 9:15-10:00 a.m.

### Torah Study Group

Dr. Deborah Mowshowitz,  
Linda Shriner-Cahn,  
Rabbi Marion Shulevitz  
and Rabbi Jeremy  
Kalmanofsky

Each Shabbat we read the *parshat hashavuah* (weekly Torah portion) in translation and discuss it.

Everyone is welcome to participate, on either an occasional or regular basis.

Every Shabbat  
9:00-10:00 a.m.

### Writing Ourselves Anew: Modern Israeli Fiction

Ruby Namdar

Israeli literature is as restless as Israeli society itself. It is intellectual yet passionate, cruel yet compassionate, ironic yet filled with devotion. In this course we will experience its strength and diversity and inspect the way in which it reflects the drama of modern Jewish identity: Holocaust and independence, war and peace, change and continuity, place and placelessness. Readings are in English translation.

4 Sessions  
Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Beginning November 1  
(no class November 22)

Fee: Members \$40/Non-members \$60

# Shabbat and Family Programming

## Family Little Tot Service

Elaine Perlman

*Every Shabbat, 10:15–11:00am*

For families with children under the age of three

## Family Big Tot Service

Elaine Perlman

*11:15–12:00pm*

For families with children ages three and four.

## Family Service

Elena Sassower

*Every Shabbat, 10:45–12:00pm*

For children ages 5–7 and their parents.

## Family Davening

Mindy Fischer and Stephen Hazan Arnoff

*Every Shabbat, 11:00–12:00pm*

For children ages 8 and up, and their parents.

## Family Gym Program

*November 3–April 6, From 3:00–5:00pm*

For families who wish to come out of the cold and play. Come meet, shmooze and enjoy the company of other Ansche Chesed families on Shabbat afternoons. For children ages 1–7. Season fee per family: Members—\$36.00 Non-members—\$72.00. Pre-paid registration required. Each registered family will receive a season pass which must be shown every Shabbat to the gym attendants for admittance. Please mail your check to the AC office, marked 'Shabbat Family Gym Program.' Guest passes will be available as well.

## Kids' Basketball in the Gym

*November 3–April 6, From 5:00–6:00pm*

The gym is open for children ages 8 and above to play basketball. If fewer than 3 children arrive by 5:15pm, the gym will close. Season fee per family: Members—\$18.00, non-Members—\$36.00 for the length of the program. Pre-paid registration required. Policies for this program are the same as those of the Family Gym program.

## Hebrew School Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

*Friday, November 2, at 6:00pm*

Join our Ansche Chesed Hebrew School families for a Shabbat evening filled with food and song! Family service led by Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky and Rabbi Ischah Waldman, followed by dairy Shabbat dinner. Please call the office at x.413 to register.

## Family Havdalah and Candle-making

*Saturday, November 3rd at 5:30pm*

An event to remember!—we will make havdalah candles that we will be able to use all year long! Come and enjoy the singing and crafts for the first havdalah program of this year!

## Parent Learning with

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

*Sunday, November 18, 4:00–5:30pm*

Come join Hebrew School and other Ansche Chesed parents to learn from Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky in the first of four learning sessions. Parents with children under Bar Mitzvah age learn while kids have supervised play-time in Ansche Chesed's gym. Call the office at x413 to register.

## Young Judaea Youth Groups

Ansche Chesed has joined with Young Judaea for all of our youth groups this year, and will be meeting on a regular basis for the following age groups:

Ofarim—3rd–5th grades

Tzofim—6 & 7th grades

Bogrim—8–12th grades

(Bogrim will meet on Nov. 5th and Nov. 19th from 7:00–8:30pm)

Young Judaea is a national peer-led Zionist youth movement, with clubs all over the country.

Call the office for more information, x413.

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## Education & Family Programming

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(8–12th grades) Young Judaea meetings

Here are some of the exciting events on tap for the month of November:

November begins with our annual Hebrew School Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner program on November 2nd. Rabbi Kalmanofsky, some of our own Hebrew school students and I will run a family-friendly service, followed by a dairy dinner. On Saturday evening, November 3rd, we will have our first Family Havdalah program. Singing and Havdalah candle-making will accompany our own unique havdalah service. On Sunday, November 18th from 4–5:30pm, Rabbi Kalmanofsky will run our 2nd Parent Learning Session, for parents of children under Bar and Bat Mitzvah age, who will learn with the Rabbi, while their kids have supervised play time in the gym. Also, please keep an eye out for Youth group meetings—we will be hosting Young Judaea meetings for Ofarim (3–5th grades), Tzofim (6–7th grades) and Bogrim (8–12th grades). Please call the office at x. 413 for more information on these or any other upcoming programs.

I have enjoyed getting to know some of you over the last few weeks, at services, at the Sukkah-rama, through the Hebrew School and other family events. I hope you will all feel free to stop by the office and say hello, I still have a lot of people to meet. I am very excited to be here at Ansche Chesed, and am looking forward to the range of programming we have in the coming months. I hope you will take the opportunity to join us at some or all of this month's events. We'd love to have you!

## President's Column: Change at Ansche Chesed

Jordan Horvath

Most of us have arrived where we are today as Jews through a process of change. The Judaism we practice has changed dramatically over the past years through the acceptance of the idea of evolution in halacha (Jewish law) that has led to the modern, egalitarian brand of traditional practice that is embodied at Ansche Chesed. Our synagogue has changed over its more than 170 year history from a formal old-world style to the relaxed styles and participatory nature that came from those who brought the havurah movement to AC about 20 or so years ago.

This year we have embarked on a new set of changes, with the presence of a new rabbi reminding us to look at things through a new pair of eyes. Certainly we must continue to adhere to the essentials of Judaism. There are the consistent themes of justice, menchlikheit, and faith that have been the hallmark of our people for centuries. At Ansche Chesed these are some of the important principles that have attracted us to come here and that keep us together. Nevertheless, we all need to be reminded that to continue to grow as Jews and to continue to attract new and younger members to our congregation, we cannot stagnate. We must continue to review what we stand for, at times evolving and at times retaining our traditions. Occasionally we might even take old abandoned traditions, give them new meaning and bring them back to life.

Over the past few years, but most particularly the last few months, I have often been surprised to hear people passionately defend change in halacha if someone challenges egalitarianism, yet be equally passionate about how we cannot change one sentence of a twenty-year old Ansche Chesed policy on one issue or another. Somehow we have imbued the compromises of

### Bruchim HaBaim

We welcome the following new members into our community.

*Mi sheshikeyn et shmo babayit hazeh hu yashkin beynechem ahavah v'achvah v'shalom v'rayot.*  
May the One Who caused God's name to dwell in this house, let dwell among you love, fellowship, peace and friendship. (Babylonian Talmud: Brakkhot 12a)

**Gail August** and her children **Erica** and **David** have attended family programs.

**Carolyn Cohen & Ruby Namdar** joined because they attend Minyan M'at.

**Bruce & Nancy Cooper** have participated in West Side Minyan services.

#### Dale Degenshein

**Jill Hammer** has participated in Minyan M'at services and likes the neighborhood location.

**Elizabeth & Jeffrey Kaiden** and their children **Simon** and **Eva** have attended Shabbat services at AC.

**Orly Klausner-Knigin** and her children **Kfir Gabriel** and **Maya-Sara** have attended services and like AC's neighborhood location.

**Anne Koenig** has participated in Minyan Rimonim and likes AC's participatory nature.

#### Elizabeth Koltun

**David Krause** has attended Minyan Rimonim and other services.

**Uri & Karni Lahav-Goldschmid** joined through Minyan M'at.

**Martin Miller & Sophia Gutherz** and their children **Max** and **Alec**.

**Jennifer Raider** has attended Minyan Rimonim services.

**Sylvia Rosenberg**, 86 years old, would like to be active in the AC community and learn more about Judaism.

**Sara Shudofsky & Bob Ernst** and their children **Rachel** and **Daniel** joined to be with Rabbi Kalmanofsky.

**Leah Strigler** has attended Minyan M'at services and adult programs.

**Rachel Weinstein** & her daughter **Madeline** and mother **Rose Weinstein** joined because of AC's convenient location.

**Samuel Youssof & Randi Kirtman** like AC's neighborhood location.

the 80s with a sanctity that is beyond appropriateness. While we should not throw out the foundation of our community, we should be open to taking a second (and third) look now and again at our community, its structures and its sacred cows and be sure that what we are doing continues to be right. The stewards of Ansche Chesed twenty years ago were smart enough to know that the structures of the 1950s did not all work in the 1980s. Since September 11th we know that the world around us moves along no matter what we do. Let's be sure our synagogue in these first years of the 2000s represents equally wise judgments.

## Kavanah Service

Rabbi Rachel Sabath

The service is informed by the traditional structure of Shabbat morning davening, with added flexibility and creativity in the selection of prayers, melodies and meditation, with short silences to highlight a specific kavanah. Torah study is also a part of the service.

Three Shabbat mornings, at 10:00 a.m.

November 10  
December 8  
January 26

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**Friday Night**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

5:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Morning Services**

10 a.m.

**Sanctuary Minyan**

**Minyan M'at**

**West Side Minyan**

**Minyan Rimonim**

November 3 & 17

**Kavanah Service**

November 10

**Family & Children's Davening Options**

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