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MISHPATIM (Exodus 21:1-24:18) Shabbat Shekalim / Mevarekhim haHodesh

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Haftarah: II Kings 12:1-17

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## NEWS&NEWS&NEWS

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### Mazal Tov מול טוב:

Scott Etkin, parents Gary and Susan Etkin and sister Rebecca on the celebration of Scott's bar mitzvah.

## On Shabbat

### Torah Study 9 a.m.

All are invited to discuss the weekly portion, the *parshat hashavuah*, before services each Shabbat. Ethan Linden will lead the discussion this week.

### Rabbi's morning class:

#### A.J. Heschel's

#### Torah Min HaShamayim

9:30-10:15 a.m.

### Morning Services 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Minyan  
Minyan M'at  
Minyan Rimonim

### Children's Services 11 a.m.

Ages 4 and Under in 2 South  
Ages 5-7 in 2 North  
Ages 8-12 in 6 West

### Pajama Havdala Program, 6:30 p.m.

#### For Families with Children

#### Ages 6 and Younger

After Havdalah children will explore the Shema through an art project and eat a pasta dinner, and then curl up with milk and cookies to read stories with Rabbi Lauren Kurland and sing Jewish lullabies with Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn. Come in your PJs and bring a favorite blanket or pillow! \$10 per family.

### Seudah Shlishit - Shabbat's Third Meal

#### 5:15 p.m.

Please join us to study the beautiful and powerful Psalm 51 through Midrash and reflection. This month's seudah is sponsored by Stefan Krieger in memory of his mother, Vivien Krieger.

### Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m.

#### The Upcoming Israeli Elections: Evolution or Revolution?

#### Speaker: Professor Asher Arian

Please join us for a second in a series of programs exploring Israel's momentous decisions in next month's elections.

Professor Arian has written and taught extensively about democracy in Israel and about trends in Israeli politics. He is Distinguished Professor at the City University of New York Graduate Center and Professor of Political Science at the University of Haifa.

### Wednesday, March 1, Noon-1:30 p.m.

#### A New Program for Senior Adults

Ansche Chesed is pleased to inaugurate its Senior Adult Program. Join your peers for a new series including **lunch and learn** sessions with secular, religious, and senior-related themes, as well as films, discussions, and more. Come on the **first Wednesday of the month**, beginning March 1. This month Rabbi Lauren Kurland will join the group to discuss topics relating to Purim. The group will meet in the chapel. Bring your own dairy or parve lunch and we will provide coffee, tea, seltzer, and cookies!

#### Mishloach Manot Fundraiser

The mishloach manot fundraiser, when we send gifts of Purim goodies to our friends at AC, is an important way to help us both celebrate Purim and raise money for the synagogue. The deadline has been extended to this **Monday, February 27**. If you need a duplicate form or members' list faxed to you, please call ext. 201. Packages may be picked up on Purim (the evening of March 13 and during the day on March 14).

### Monday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

#### Purim Learning: In Praise of Jewish Parody

#### Professor David Roskies

Purim is more than mere child's play or a once-a-year license for shtick and frolic. Come learn from a long-time Purim-shpieler and scholar of Jewish culture how parody is part and parcel of the Jewish religious, historical, and artistic imagination.

### Wednesday Evening Minyan

Beginning Wednesday, March 1, Ansche Chesed will be holding Ma'ariv services every Wednesday at 8 pm. Many people at Ansche Chesed and in the community at large have wanted egalitarian ma'ariv services so they can say Kaddish, or just to daven with the community of Israel. Please join us to fulfill this communal need.

### My Israel: Photos from My Album

#### Celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut by sharing your personal photos of Israel with the Ansche Chesed community.

Ansche Chesed's Israel Independence Day celebration will feature a display of photos taken by or of our members in Israel. Submit your prints (don't send us your only copy!) to the office by April 7. You may submit up to five photos. Please include the following information: who took the photo, where it was taken, when, the subject, and, optionally, what the picture means to you. The committee will choose which photos will be displayed. Pick up a flyer for details or call ext. 205 for more information. A flyer may also be downloaded from our website.

### Save the Date - Tribute 2006

#### Saturday Night, April 1

Mark your calendars for April 1, 2006, when we honor members of our community for their dedication and service to Ansche Chesed with an celebratory evening. This year's honorees are **Martin and Tamara Green, Dovid and Shana Roskies, and Rabbi Marion Shulevitz**. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

### DR. LEONARD FEIN

#### Shabbat, March 10 & 11

Save the date for a stimulating and enlightening Shabbaton with **Dr. Leonard Fein**. Dr. Fein, a prolific writer, a well-known educator and the founder of the magazine **Moment** as well as of **Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger**, will speak on three diverse topics.

Friday Evening Lecture:

#### **The Very First Question That Was Ever Asked: Judaism as an Ongoing Response**

Shabbat Lunch Lecture:

#### **B'reshit 8:21 vs. Anne Frank**

Seudah Shlishit Study Session:

#### **Dreams and Disappointments: Reflections on Israel**

#### **Friday night dinner and Shabbat lunch will both be potluck meals.**

Dinner is a dairy meal. Please bring enough to serve 8 people generously. Last names A-H bring salads, vegetables or other side dishes; I-S bring entrees; T-Z bring desserts. Everyone is also encouraged to bring a bottle of kosher wine or other beverage. For AC's kashrut policy, refer to <http://www.anschecheded.org/misc/kashrut.htm> or call the office for a printed copy.

RSVP to ext. 205 or email [sposen@anschecheded.org](mailto:sposen@anschecheded.org)

The gym will be open for supervised play during the Friday night and Shabbat lunch programs.

#### **NEW DATE: Sunday, March 12, 7-10 p.m.**

#### **Outings Group Dance: Ballroom Bash!**

Empire Dance will teach the classic waltz and foxtrot, and provide swing, disco and Latin breaks. Everyone is welcome. AC and MOMC members \$15, non-members \$20

#### **MEMBER-LED STUDY GROUPS**

##### **Monday, February 27, 7:45 p.m.**

#### **Israel-Zionist Reading Group**

The group will discuss Hillel Halkin's **A Strange Death** (through Chapter 10).

#### **Yiddish Discussion Group**

People with all levels of Yiddish fluency are welcome to come to the Yiddish conversation and reading group that meets in Upper Hirsch Hall lobby on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Led by Charles Nydorf and Elinor Robinson. Free.

## PURIM IS COMING!

#### **Sunday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

#### **Family Celebration**

Purim crafts, hamantaschen making, storytelling, magic show, presentation of the new Megillah, and more! Pick up a flyer for details about this exciting day.

#### **Sunday, March 12, 1-4 p.m.**

#### **Community Mishloach Manot Packaging**

Get to know other members while having fun by packaging *mishloach manot*, Purim gift packages, for the Ansche Chesed community fundraiser. Call ext. 201 in the AC office if you can help, or just stop by the chapel.

#### **Monday, March 13**

#### **Megillah Reading**

Evening reading of Megillat Esther and Purim festivities. Sanctuary Minyan, Minyan M'at, (6:30 p.m.) West Side Minyan with Minyan Rimonim (6:45 p.m.)

Kids are invited to come in costume at 6:30 p.m. for a retelling of the story of Queen Esther and spirited Purim songs. Costume parade and sweet treats will follow.

#### **Tuesday, March 14**

Reading of the Megillah at morning minyan, 7 a.m.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

#### **Sunday, March 12, 1-5:30 PM SYMPOSIUM & ACTION FAIR:**

##### **A Call to Action on Darfur**

Participants include Jerry Fowler, Director, Committee on Conscience (USHMM); Kenneth Roth, Director, Human Rights Watch; with introductory remarks by Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. At the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Free with suggested donation. For details and tickets visit [www.mjhnyc.org](http://www.mjhnyc.org).

#### **PARDES INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES**

Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies is a coed, non-denominational center for Jewish learning in Jerusalem. Pardes offers a unique combination of intellectual openness, rigorous textual analysis, and opportunities for spiritual growth. For more information about our Year/Semester, Summer, or Educators Program, please contact Shari at [shari@pardesusa.org](mailto:shari@pardesusa.org) or (888) 875-2734 or visit [www.pardes.org.il](http://www.pardes.org.il)

#### **Subscribing to AC's Email Lists**

An easy way to keep up with events and timely news is to subscribe to an email list. Subscribers to any individual minyan's list also receive email messages sent to the community at large.

For any subscription, send a message from the address at which you would like to receive news. You do not need to put anything in the body of the message.

For the **Sanctuary Minyan** send email to [nycac-sanctuary-subscribe-request@uscj.org](mailto:nycac-sanctuary-subscribe-request@uscj.org)

For the **West Side Minyan** send email to [nycac-wsm-subscribe-request@uscj.org](mailto:nycac-wsm-subscribe-request@uscj.org)

For **Minyan Rimonim** send email to [nycac-rimonim-subscribe-request@uscj.org](mailto:nycac-rimonim-subscribe-request@uscj.org)

For **Minyan M'at** contact the minyan coordinators.

To receive **general messages** not associated with a particular minyan, such as our weekly and monthly e-newsletters, send a message to [nycac-News-subscribe-request@uscj.org](mailto:nycac-News-subscribe-request@uscj.org)

You will receive an email confirmation of your subscription.

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