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ANSCHÉ CHESÉD HINENI



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Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

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On Shabbat

Torah Study 9 a.m.

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

Morning Services 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Minyan
Minyan M'at
West Side Minyan

Children's Services 11 a.m.

Ages 4 and Under in 2 South
Ages 5-7 in 2 North
Ages 8-12 in 3 North

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Mazal Tov to:

Rosa Schwartzburg, Debby Shulevitz, Ori Schwartzburg, brother Alexander, and grandparents Rabbi Marion and Bill Shulevitz on the celebration of Rosa's bat mitzvah this Shabbat.

Cara and Stan Judovitz and sisters Hannah and Maya on the naming of their daughter, Ava Bella.

Condolences to:

David Kraemer, Susan, Talya and Livia on the death of David's father, Paul Kraemer.

Spring Blood Drive

Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Please set aside an hour of your time to do this important mitzvah. Drop-ins are welcome, but scheduling an appointment helps our planning and cuts down on waiting time. Call Sylvia at ext. 203.

THIS Sunday, May 14 at 4 p.m.

Imahot, Mameles and Significant Mothers

MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT

On May 14, 2006 a.k.a. Mother's Day, Congregation Ansche Chesed presents a fascinating and moving musical program spanning two centuries, five languages and a variety of composers -- from Rimsky-Korsakoff and Shostakovich to Yiddish, Ladino and Russian folk songs, from good old favorites to emerging new names of women composers. Every Jewish mother can find a good reason to bring her family to hear, among others, the world-renowned klezmer violinist Alicia Svigals, the combined voices of Shirei Chesed, Ansche Chesed's Community Chorus, and Brooklyn Jewish Community Chorus Shiru Shir led by Hazzan Natasha J. Hirschhorn, as well as many musical surprises! Adults \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; children under 13 free.

Practical Skills for Leading Shahrith

Mondays, May 15 and 22

7:30-9 p.m.

Taught by Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn

This workshop is offered for those who have never led this part of the service. The goal is to learn a simple way of davening Shahrith: May 8 was *Bar'khu to Amidah*; May 15, *Amidah* to the end; May 22, beginning to *Bar'khu*.

Each student will receive a tape with a simple version of the service and is invited to record additional melodies in class. Active participation is expected and encouraged, and individual follow-up sessions will be offered at a mutually convenient time.

Sanctuary Minyan members are encouraged to pick a date with the Sanctuary Minyan davening coordinators in the summer or early fall with the goal of trying out their newly acquired skill. Members of other minyanim are invited to explore leadership possibilities with their minyan coordinators.

Leil Iyyun: An Evening of Study about American Jewish Literature

May 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the publication of **SCRIBBLERS ON THE ROOF**, an anthology of contemporary Jewish fiction with stories from the writers who have read at Ansche Chesed's unique Scribblers on the Roof series. **Marshall Berman, Alan Mintz, and Judith Shulevitz** will participate in a panel discussion and learning session moderated by **Morris Dickstein**. The panelists will speak in particular about Cynthia Ozick's work and in general about the significance of Scribblers on the Roof for the Jewish and broader cultural community.

Just Published!

Scribblers on the Roof Anthology

This is truly a wonderful moment for Ansche Chesed — to have a book published based on our very own programming. The handsome volume, published by Persea Books, is listed at \$15.95. Ansche Chesed members can purchase the book at the AC office at a discount: \$13.50 for one copy or \$12 for multiple copies. It is a great gift for any occasion.

"My Israel: Photos From My Album" on Display through Sunday, May 14

Nearly two hundred wonderful personal and family photographs taken by AC members -- from before the establishment of the State of Israel to the present time -- are on display in the upper Hirsch Hall Lobby through May 14. This one-of-a-kind of communal narrative in photographs underscores our community's enduring and multi-faceted connection to Israel.

FAMILY PROGRAM NEWS

Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

B'nai Mitzvah Retreat in the City

Families with children who will celebrate a bar or bat mitzvah in the coming year are invited to the First Annual Ansche Chesed B'nai Mitzvah Retreat in the City on Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The program, led by Rabbi Lauren Kurland, Education Director, and Sarah Chandler, Youth Educator, will allow parents and pre- b'nai mitzvah children to spend the day at AC and outdoors. They will explore what it means to become a bar and bat mitzvah, and the importance that this transition has in our lives. The cost for the program (including all resource materials and food) is \$30 per adult and \$20 per child. Childcare for younger siblings will be available at a minimal fee for those who pre-enroll. To register, call Lauren at 212.865.0600 ext. 208 or email LKurland@AnscheChesed.org. We look forward to having you join us on this new adventure at Ansche Chesed!

Whose Line Is it Anyway? For Kids in Grades 6-8

Saturday, May 20, 3:30-5 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Laugh yourself silly as you learn skills to play improvisational theater games. Led by former semi-professional comedian Sarah Chandler. RSVP to youth@anschechesed.org.

Wacky Olympics! For Kids in Grades 4-6

Saturday, May 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

Here is your chance to be an Olympic champion! Try your skills at balloon races, pie eating contests, relay races, and a scavenger hunt throughout the entire synagogue. RSVP to youth@anschechesed.org. Bring your friends!

AC Hebrew school Applications

Applications are now available for the 2006-2007 school year. For an application, email Mara@anschechesed.org. For more information about our Hebrew School and about our special needs program, speak to Rabbi Lauren Kurland, 212.865.0600 ext. 208.

Eighth Grade Class to Begin Next Year

AC proudly announces the formation of an eighth grade class that will meet on Wednesday evenings. The class will be a place for 8th graders to learn, to challenge, and to explore. Topics will range from the Holocaust to Zionism to what it means to be an American Jewish teen. All 8th graders are welcome. For an application, contact Rabbi Lauren Kurland, Lkurland@anschechesed.org or ext. 208 in the AC office.

Morning Minyan, Breakfast, Teaching Sunday, May 21

In memory of her father, Hyman Esses, on the day of his first Yahrzeit, and in gratitude for the support of Minyan M'at and the morning minyan during this past year of mourning, **Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses** and family will host a breakfast after morning minyan on Sunday, May 21. After breakfast Dianne will teach a shiur on "**Abraham's Travels through the Landscape of Grief: A close reading of the end of Genesis 11 and the beginning of Genesis 12.**" All are welcome. *Minyan at 8:30, breakfast and teaching, 9:15am - 10:30am.*

Tuv Ha'aretz – Community Supported Agriculture Project

Tuv Ha'Aretz is back at AC for a third season! As a member of Tuv Ha'Aretz you'll receive 22 weeks (June-November) of delicious and healthy organic produce that you pick up once a week on Wednesday night at Ansche Chesed. Support local farmers Chris and Eve from the Garden of Eve Farm, help build community, and enjoy amazing organic produce grown locally!

Register now! You can download an application at www.hazon.org/CSA or email Leah@hazon.org for more information. Tuv Ha'Aretz is sponsored by Hazon, AC, and the Garden of Eve Farm

OUTINGS GROUP NEWS

Hike: Anthony's Nose

Sunday, May 21

See great views of the Hudson River along this 6.4 mile (5.5-6 hour) hike on terrain of moderate difficulty with some challenging hills. Co-sponsored by the Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club of Greater New York. AC/MOMC members \$5, non-members \$10. Reserve by 6 p.m. on Monday, May 15 by calling Michael before 9 p.m. at 212.678.7881.

Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Ramah

Friday, May 26 to Monday, May 29

A fun-filled weekend at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. For more information go to <http://www.ramahberkshires.org/memorialday/>

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