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ANSCHE CHESSED HINENI



BEHAR / BEHUKKOTAI (Leviticus 25:1-27:34)

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

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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. Linda Shriner-Cahn will lead the discussion this week.

Morning Services 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Minyan
Minyan M'at
Minyan Rimolim

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

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!

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Mazal Tov to:

Marni Epstein, Rachel Miller, Alan Epstein, and sister Tessa on the celebration of Marni's bat mitzvah.

Amanda and Michael Geffner and brother Joshua on the birth of Sophia Danielle.

EVENTS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 21

Scribblers on the Roof Leil Iyyun:

An Evening of Study about American Jewish Literature

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.

Spring Blood Drive

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.

Morning Minyan, Breakfast, Teaching

To honor the 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 at Ansche Chesed. 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 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

B'nai Mitzvah Retreat in the City

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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. - 5 p.m. The program, led by Sarah Chandler, Youth Educator, along with Rabbi Kalmanofsky and other participants, will allow parents and pre-b'nai mitzvah children to spend the day at AC and outdoors exploring what it means to become a bar and bat mitzvah. The cost for the program (including all resource materials and food) is \$30 per adult and \$20 per child.

Summer Shelter Volunteers Needed

At this time of year the shelter is especially in need of volunteers, because many of the students who volunteer on a regular basis are away for the summer. Please consider devoting one or more evenings or nights this summer so our shelter can continue to serve our guests. Email ac_shelter@yahoo.com or call Charlie Davidson at 212.222.2840.

Senior Adult Program

Wednesday, June 7, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bring a dairy or parve lunch and join us for a fascinating hour with guest speaker **Yocheved Muffs**. Yocheved will talk about **ISRAEL: THE EARLY YEARS**. Free.

Scribblers on the Roof Begins June 19!

Among this year's writers are Dara Horn, Myla Goldberg, Jerome Charyn and Ron Rosenbaum.

6 Mondays at 8 p.m.

AC HEBREW SCHOOL

AC Hebrew school Applications

Applications are now available for the 2006-2007 school year. For an application, email Mara@anscheched.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@anscheched.org or ext. 208 in the AC office.

SHAVUOT

AC Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Thursday, June 1 at 7 p.m.

An AC Tikkun Leil Shavuot will take place at the JCC prior to the community event (see below), beginning at 7 p.m., with teachings by AC members **Tamara Green, Israel Fridman, Sheldon Lewis, and Rivka Widerman.**

Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Thursday, June 1

Stay the Night! A Celebration of Shavuot

Be part of the communal happening as the JCC once again offers an array of programs and cheesecake all through the night, in partnership with Alma NY, the 92nd St Y, UJA-Federation, and Dor Chadash. There will be traditional and innovative learning and a variety of experiences for study, film, music, dance and more throughout the building throughout the night and into the early morning. **Rabbi Kalmanofsky** and AC members **Rabbi Michael Paley, Ruby Namdar, and Robert Wiener** will be among the presenters. Come for an hour or seven! Shabbat elevator in use. For regularly updated information about the tikkun program and to register, please go to www.tikkun.org. Free!

Shavuot Services, 10 a.m.

Friday, June 2

Shabbat, June 3 (Service includes Yizkor.)

TUV HA'ARETZ Community-Supported Agriculture Project

BEGINS JUNE 7!

Sign up by May 31 to enjoy Organic Produce - and More - all Season Long!

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 weekly—or every other 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.

MUSIC IN MAY

Jewish Music from the Four Corners of the Earth

A Benefit Concert for The Academy of Jewish Religion

Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The Academy for Jewish Religion, located in Riverdale, New York, presents a joyous benefit concert, "Jewish Music from the Four Corners of the Earth," at the Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street in Manhattan. The concert will feature AJR faculty members, including Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn. Tickets are \$36. For tickets and further information, please contact Helene Santo at 718-543-9360, ext. 18, or e-mail admin@ajrsem.org.

Concert to Benefit ATZUM

Thursday, May 25 at 8 p.m. at AC

Please join us on Thursday, May 25 at 8:00 PM at Ansche Chesed for a wonderful benefit concert for ATZUM. We will commemorate YOM YERUSHALAYIM with an evening of songs of peace and of Jerusalem, featuring Danielle Bensimhon, Amy Goldstein, **Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn**, Bat-Ami Moses, Elizabeth Shammash, and Hazzan Arianne Slack. Performers will be accompanied by Gila Goldstein, Monica Corton, and Hazzan Mordechai Schram. ATZUM is an extraordinary Israeli organization devoted to **assisting victims of terror attacks, supporting aging Righteous Gentiles, and combating human trafficking in Israel.** For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.ATZUM.org.

HaZamir Gala Concert

Sunday, May 21, 6 p.m.

The International Jewish High School Choir features singers from all across the U.S. in a gala concert at Alice Tully Hall. Tickets \$25-\$100. Box office: 212.875.5050

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/>

AC Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 6 at 8 p.m.

At the annual meeting we elect new board members and officers, review the events of the past year and look forward to the coming one. We also present awards for outstanding service to the AC community. As always, the meeting will be followed by dessert provided by members.

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