



אֲנִשֵׁי חֶסֶד

ANSCHE CHESSED HINENI



TOLDOT (Genesis 25:19-28:9)

November 25, 2006 / 4 Kislev 5767

Haftarah: Malakhi 1:1-2:7

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

Phone: (212) 865-0600

Fax (212) 865-1700

www.AnscheChesed.org email: info@AnscheChesed.org

NEWS&NEWS&NEWS

notesnotesnotesnotes

Condolences to:

Bob Ernst, Sara Shudofsky, Rachel and Danny Ernst on the death of Bob's mother, Emma Ernst.

Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Parsha Study

9:30 am

The Way of Truth: Nahmanides' Torah Commentary

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

Newcomers are always welcome, as are drop-ins, to any session.

Shabbat Morning Services 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Minyan

Minyan M'at

West Side Minyan

Learner's Service will not meet this week.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES 11 a.m.

Family Services for Tots – Ages 4 and Younger

Middle Kids' Service – Ages 5-7 Years

Big Kids' Service – Ages 8-12

Teen Tefillah – Post-b'nai mitzvah.

This service will meet on December 2 and December 16.

Thanksgiving Weekend

Morning Minyan Schedule

Thursday, November 23, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, November 24, 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 26, 8:30 a.m.

Holiday Office Closing:

The AC office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24.

A Medical Ethics Shabbaton: Who Lives? Who Dies? Who Decides?

December 1 & 2

Join several distinguished ethicists and rabbis from within Ansche Chesed and beyond to explore ethical questions about treatment decisions, disabilities, and life's beginnings and ends.

PARTICIPANTS:

Rabbi Saul Berman

Dr. Nancy Dubler

Navah Harlow

Rabbi Dr. Leonard Sharzer

Dr. Adrienne Asch

Friday Night Program:

MAJOR THEMES IN SECULAR AND JEWISH BIOETHICS

Rabbi Saul Berman

Nancy Neveloff Dubler

There will be a semi-potluck dinner following services: The main course will be catered (salmon and pasta dishes). Participants will provide dairy or parve side dishes and desserts. A-H bring desserts; I-Z bring salads or vegetable dishes. Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 children ages 4-10.

Shabbat Lunch Program:

MAKING END OF LIFE CHOICES BEFORE THE CRISIS

Navah Harlow

Rabbi Dr. Leonard Sharzer

Lunch is a dairy or parve potluck meal.

Seudah Shlishit Program

THE BEGINNING OF LIFE

Professor Adrienne Asch

RSVP to Sharri Posen at 212.865.0600 ext. 205 or sposen@anschechesed.org.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Judaism, But Were Afraid to...

ASK THE RABBI

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.

Here is your opportunity to ask questions in a casual, open-ended session. If you prefer, you may email questions in advance to rjk@anschechesed.org.

Senior Adult Program:

Visit to the JTS Library

Wednesday, December 6

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Join Professor David Kraemer for an insider's look at some of the Judaic treasures in the library of The Jewish Theological Seminary. Meet at AC for lunch at 12:15. The program at JTS will begin at 1:00. RSVP to Michelle Dingoor at 212.865.0600 ext. 201 or mdingoor@anschechesed.org.

Hanukkah: The Greek Side of the Story!

Jerome Chanes

Monday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Learn the history of what really happened during the reign of Antiochus IV (he was not exactly the villain we were taught to demonize in the third grade!), and see how the rabbinic leadership of the Talmud made decisions on the designation of holidays. Professor Chanes will also tie this into how we think about antisemitism in general. The talk will look at all the sources - the Books of Maccabees, Josephus, Tacitus, the Talmud - and will be fun as well!

AC's STUDY GROUPS

Israel-Zionist Reading Group

Monday, December 4, 7:45 p.m.

The group will discuss chapters 4 to 6 of *The Accidental Empire* by Gershom Gorenberg. All are welcome.

Israeli Literature Reading Group

Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.

The group will discuss *The Yellow Wind*, a journalistic memoir by David Grossman.

Reserve Now!

IN THE FIDDLER'S SHUL

A special benefit performance by

Itzhak Perlman

Saturday Night, December 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

For reservations call 800.954.9694 or go to benefitoffice.org/fiddler

Family Programs

Family Kiddush Lunch Next Shabbat

Saturday, December 2

Come to children's services and stay to shmooze with other families at our monthly kiddush lunch.

Hanukkah Family Celebration

Sunday, December 10

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Featuring **Bananukah!** A Hanukkah musical performance with Danna Banana at 10:00 a.m. sharp! Followed by Hanukkah arts and crafts for kids ages 9 and under, and the debut performance of the **Ansche Chesed Children's Chorus!**

Family Kabbat Services and Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 15, 5:00 p.m. (First night of Hanukkah!)

AC members \$18 per adult, non-members \$22 per adult. Children ages 3 and up \$5. RSVP to Lisa Adler, lisa@anschechesed.org of 212.865.0600 ext. 243. Feel free to bring your own wine. The gym will be open.

AC's Youth Group Program Kick-Off For all 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

NEW DATE: Sunday, December 3, 2006, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Visit **CHELSEA PIERS** for rock climbing, gymnastics, and other great activities. \$30 per child. Space is limited; financial assistance is available. Please reserve by November 30 by calling Lisa Adler, Director of Youth and Family Programs, at 212.865.0600 ext. 243, and then mail a check to Ansche Chesed, 251 West 100th Street, NY, NY 10025. Include an emergency contact number. For more information contact Lisa Adler at the above number or email lisa@anschechesed.org.

Shabbat Gym

Families with children 1 to 7 years old are invited to come in from the cold and enjoy playtime in AC's marvelous gym on Shabbat afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. Pre-registration and Shabbat gym fee are required. Shabbat Gym Dates (all dates subject to change): November 18; December 2, 9, 16; January 6, 20; February 3, 10, 24; March 10, 17, 24

Outings Group Dance Sundays

First Dance of the Year: Swing Dance December 10, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Ansche Chesed Outings Group and the Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Basic dance lesson 7:30-8:30 followed by open dancing. Admission \$20 (\$15 AC/Mosaic members). This evening will begin with a kosher pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. for those who reserve in advance. Cost: \$25, including admission to the dance. RSVP to Michael, 212.678.7881 by Friday, December 8.

Other Dances this Season:

January 21: Latin Fiesta!

February 11: Tango Fever!

March 18: Square Dance

HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

Donations for Dorot Hanukkah Packages

AC is collecting boxes of Shabbat candles (72 candles per box) to be distributed as part of Dorot's annual Hanukkah package delivery to homebound elderly people in our neighborhood. Bring candles to AC through December 4.

Room to Grow Drive December 10-20

You can help a baby in need! Bring new or nearly new clothing, books toys, bedding, strollers, highchairs and anything else in truly excellent condition appropriate for a child under the age of 3. Exceptions: Room to Grow does not accept furniture, car seats, diapers, formula, or stuffed animals.

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

For the **West Side Minyan** send email to nycac-wsm-subscribe-request@uscj.org

For **Minyan Rimonim** send email to 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

You will receive an email confirmation of your subscription.

CONGREGATION ANSCHE CHESED

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

RJK@AnsheChesed.org
ext. 210

Rabbi Lauren Kurland

Education Director
LKurland@AnsheChesed.org
ext. 208

Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn

Music Director
NHirschhorn@AnsheChesed.org
ext. 242

Alan Divack

President
President@AnsheChesed.org

Joshua Hanft

Executive Director
JHanft@AnsheChesed.org
ext. 209

212.865.0600
www.AnscheChesed.org
info@AnsheChesed.org