



אנשי חסד

ANSCHES CHESSED HINENI



SH'MOT (Exodus 1:1-6:1) *Mevarkhim haHodesh*

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Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13

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NEWS&NOTES&NEWS&NOTES

Mazal Tov to:

Rachel Ernst, parents Sara Shudofsky and Bob Ernst, and brother Daniel on the celebration of Rachel's bat mitzvah this Shabbat.

Jacob Rosenberg, parents Judith Leventhal and Robert Rosenberg, and brother Isaac on the celebration of Jacob's bar mitzvah on Monday, January 15.

Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn, Rabbi Shimon Hirschhorn, and sister Miriam on the birth of their daughter and sister.

Allan Tulchin and **Judith Miller** on their aufruf this Shabbat and their marriage on Sunday.

Condolences to:

Miriam Benhaim, Benyamin Cirlin, Yosi, Shuki, and Margalit Cirlin on the death of Miriam's mother, Malkah Benhaim.

Todah Rabbah to:

The 33 people who came to donate blood at the Winter Blood Drive on Sunday, January 7; to Blood Drive co-chairs **Gail Mota, Linda Messing**, and **Karen Sawitz**, and to **Sylvia Ortiz**.

Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Parsha Study

Starting on January 20, Rabbi Kalmanofsky will resume his Shabbat morning classes on the writings of Nahmanides. No meeting this week.

Shabbat Morning Services 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Minyan

Minyan M'at

West Side Minyan

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

NO SHABBAT GYM THIS WEEK

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Holy War? Jewish Ethics of Counter-Terrorism

Rabbi Melissa Weintraub

Given Judaism's abiding emphasis on the sanctity of life, how are we to make sense of the injunction to participate in limited warfare? What does our tradition consider legitimate grounds for war? How humanely must we treat our enemies during wartime? This class explores a variety of sources from *midrashim* to medieval legal texts to contemporary scholarship to shed light upon pressing ethical issues for both America and Israel.

4 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Beginning January 9

(New participants are welcome)

AC members \$75 / Non-members \$100.

Laws and Customs of Death and Mourning

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

The way a culture confronts death reveals so much about how that culture understands life. We will examine the major rituals surrounding funerals, the treatment of corpses, and mourning during *shiva* and through the year. We will also examine some metaphysical questions as we consider the meaning of life and death, and learn about how Judaism addresses life.

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

Beginning January 11

The Five Megillot

Rabbi Marion Shulevitz

Beautiful heroines, royal heroes, love, sex and a dash of philosophy -- all in the Bible? Come study the Five Megillot: the Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther, which we read every year in shul on various holidays. Each session will consist of an introductory overview of the book and some close reading of text, with class discussion and participation.

5 Mondays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Beginning January 22

(No class Presidents' Weekend, February 19).

AC members \$75 / non-members \$100.

Lunchtime Learning:

Monarchy, Mayhem, and Prophetic Masters

Rabbi Shmuel Sandberg

Learn about the religious and political life of Jews in Judah and Israel, from King Solomon to Gedaliah.

Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

Beginning January 8

Yiddish as Jewish Vernacular

Alyssa Quint

In contrast to Hebrew appropriate for sacred books Yiddish was the Jewish people's funny, ironic and bawdy voice of the street, often undermining strict social discipline and revealing anxieties beneath. In this group, we will read and discuss samples of Yiddish literature, with each class focusing on a different genre.

Monthly: 4 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17

AC members \$60 / Non-members \$80.

AC's READING GROUPS

New: American Jewish Literature Reading Group

First monthly meeting: Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m.

A discussion of novels, short stories, and autobiographies that explore the American Jewish experience. Our first selection is Anzia Yezierska's *BREAD GIVERS* (Persea Books). The book is available at West Side Judaica. At the first meeting the group will decide on future selections. Facilitated by **Rabbi Shmuel Sandberg**.

Israel/Zionist Reading Group

Monday, January 22, 7:45 p.m.

The group will discuss chapters 7-9 of *THE ACCIDENTAL EMPIRE* by Gershom Gorenberg.

To register for classes:

Email sposes@anschechesed.org or call Sharri Posen at 212.865.0600 ext. 205. Checks should be mailed to the office. You may also pay online by credit card. Go to our website, www.anschechesed.org, and click on the "Donate Now" button. Indicate in the "Special Instructions" box what your payment is for.

Well Spouse Support Group at Ansche Chesed

**First meeting: Monday, January 22
7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Illness and accidents happen without warning. Although no two illnesses exact the same toll, well spouses often face similar problems that include isolation, grief, fear, anger, and guilt. Well Spouse Association's mission is to provide emotional support, raise consciousness about, and advocate for the spouse/partners of the chronically ill and/or disabled. The Well Spouse Association support group will begin meeting at Ansche Chesed on the fourth Monday of each month. The first meeting will take place on January 22, 2007. The group will meet from 7pm to 9pm. Please call Barbara Marder (917-930-9953) for further information. To learn more about Well Spouse Association, visit www.wellspouse.org.

Merchant of Venice Learning Session Thursday, January 25, 8:00 p.m.

Although our block of tickets to the January 28 performance of *The Merchant of Venice* is sold out, everyone is invited to a learning session about the play led by AC members James Shapiro and Stephen Burdman. James is Professor of English at Columbia, whose *Shakespeare and the Jews* analyzes what the *Merchant of Venice* would have meant to Elizabethans, given what they thought and knew about Jews. Stephen is artistic director of the New York Classical Theater < www.newyorkclassical.org > which stages Shakespeare plays in Central Park each summer. He also was assistant director on the 1989 production of *Merchant of Venice* with Kelly McGillis and Brian Bedford. (Those who are seeing the play are also invited to a debriefing on Thursday, February 1 at 8:00 p.m.)

IN FEBRUARY

Prayerbook Hebrew

Marcia Talmage Schneider

Practice your Hebrew reading while learning the core vocabulary of the siddur.
6 Tuesday,s 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning February 6.
AC members \$90 / Non-members \$120.

Save the Date:

The Poetry of Abraham Joshua Heschel

Rabbi Morton Leifman

Dinner and lecture, Friday, February 9.

Family Program News

Family Kiddush Lunch

Saturday, January 27, 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a kiddush lunch sponsored by Ansche Chesed Hebrew School families. Come to children's services and then eat and meet at our festive kiddush. If you would like to sponsor a monthly kiddush, either alone or with other families, contact Lisa Adler, lisa@anschechesed.org or 212.865.0600 ext. 243.

Food and Shelter

Sunday, February 11, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Families with children in grades 3 to 7 are invited to learn more about these basic human needs and how we attempt to help. Please bring individual-sized toiletry items for our shelter guests. Sponsored by the Ansche Chesed Family Social Action Committee.

Outings Group Dance Sundays

Sunday, January 21: Latin Fiesta!

Learn the basics of salsa, cha cha and merengue with expert teachers from Empire Dance. The beginner lesson teaches you what you need to get out on the dance floor and have some fun. No partners or reservations necessary. Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 7 p.m. Lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 followed by open dancing until 10. Cost: AC and MOMC members \$15, non-members \$20

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 Rimomim** send email to

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For **Minyan M'at** email

membership_mat@anschechesed.org

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

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