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NEWS&NOTES&NEWS&NOTES

Today Rabbah to:

Judith Atkinson, Corinne Boren, Maritza Estrin, Mary Feinberg, Grace Freundlich, Eric Gertner, Marjorie Hort, and Fred Rosenberg for their help in the office.

Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Services 10am

Sanctuary Minyan
Minyan M'at
West Side Minyan

Children's Services

All children's and teen services will resume on September 8.

Morning Minyan

With many regular attendees on vacation, the morning minyan needs people to make up a quorum. If you're in town, please consider coming. Mondays and Thursdays 7:20am; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays 7:30am; Sundays 8:30am.

Where Do Your Membership Dues Go?

This week we highlight our educational programs.

Your membership dues enable Anshe Chesed to offer a wide variety of educational programs. Members participate in a full range of offerings for adults: learn-to-read Hebrew classes, weekly Talmud classes, lunch-and-learn programs for seniors, scholar-in-residence programs, and many other classes and study groups address topics of Jewish interest.

Educational programs are central to our community, enabling our many children and families to engage in creative, dynamic Shabbat and holiday learning and in our growing Hebrew School. And this year, for the first time, we will be offering a Talmud class for teens. All of this would not be possible without your membership in our community.

RABBI'S ELUL CLASSES

Outward (and Inward) Bound: Emotional Facets of Repentance 3 Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm, August 28, September 4, 11

Is *Teshuva* a feeling, an idea, or a set of deeds? Please join us to explore different aspects of Judaism's annual self-scrutiny that we hope will make us feel worse and do better.

Divine Majesty and Patience: Major Themes of the High Holiday Prayerbook (Mahzor)

Thursday, September 6, 7:30-9:00pm

We will cover the fundamental themes of the synagogue liturgy by examining the palette of God-imagery it employs. This session will help you make your time in synagogue this year clearer and deeper.

Shirei Chesed, AC's Community Chorus, resumes September 6. Please see reverse side for details.

SEPTEMBER STUDY GROUPS

Senior Adult Program

Wednesday, September 5, 12:00-1:30pm
Guest speaker Diane Karnett will talk about her visit to Cuba and the filming she did with the Jewish community in Havana.

Israel Zionist Reading Group

Monday, September 10, 7:45pm
The group will continue discussing *Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East, 1776 to the Present* by Michael Oren; Parts Three (The Civil War and Reconstruction) and Four (The Age of Imperialism), pages 177 to 321.

American Jewish Fiction Reading Group

Tuesday, September 18, 7:30pm
The group will discuss *The Assistant* by Bernard Malamud. Facilitated by Rabbi Shmuel Sandberg.

HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION

High Holiday Tickets and Membership

If you have not yet renewed your membership, or have not submitted a new member application, please do so **as soon as possible**, as the holidays are fast approaching. Remember to include your ticket request forms with your application, even if you are requesting the same seats as last year. Membership forms, as well as ticket request forms, may be downloaded from our website, www.anshechesed.org. Please note: If ticket requests are not received by August 31, you will need to pick up your tickets from the office. We must receive your pledge and initial payment in order for you to receive your High Holiday tickets.

Childcare

Childcare is offered during adult services for children ages 2 through 8. To reserve and pay by credit card, please call Mara at 212.865.0600, ext. 207. For information, call Mara or email mara@anshechesed.org.

Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Family Services

For the sake of appropriate room arrangements, reservations for children's services are requested. Services begin at 10:45 am and are offered for children 4 and under, 5 to 7, and 8 to 12. Please RSVP to mara@anshechesed.org or 212.865.0600 ext. 207.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed in the Sanctuary for the High Holidays. If you can volunteer an hour or two of your time to help make the holidays more pleasant for all by performing this needed service, email anthonyzak@mindspring.com or s.schiff2@verizon.net or call Tony Zak at 212.866.8616 or Sam Schiff at 212.222.5938.

Bimah Flowers

We rely on contributions from members to beautify our sanctuary on the Yamim Nora'im. Please consider making a donation to the Flower Fund.

Shirei Chesed Community Chorus Welcomes New Singers

If you have a passion for Jewish music and would like to raise your voice in a welcoming community of singers, we encourage you to visit Anshe Chesed on **September 6, 2007**, when the Community Chorus *Shirei Chesed* under the direction of Hazzan Natasha J. Hirschhorn resumes its rehearsals.

This is the third season for the chorus founded in the Fall of 2005 with the generous support of the Rabbi Gershon Schwartz Memorial Fund. The chorus repertoire is inspired by the richness and diversity of Jewish music from around the globe, ranging from hauntingly rendered liturgical offerings, to updated arrangements of world folk music, new compositions, and Hassidic *niggunim*. The chorus performs at Anshe Chesed concerts and events, as well as in the community at large.

We are especially in need of tenors and basses, but welcome all voice parts. *Shirei Chesed* meets in the Anshe Chesed chapel on Thursdays, 7:45-9:15 September-June. Ability to carry a tune is important; reading Hebrew or music is not required. The fee for those who are not members of the Anshe Chesed community is \$90 per semester or \$180 per year. For members there is no fee. For more information, please call 212-865-0600 ext. 205 or email CantorNatasha@gmail.com.

Theater and Discussion: "Masked" Sunday, September 2 at 4:00pm

Masked is an explosive Israeli play by Ilan Hattor about three Palestinian brothers. The play tackles the cultural divide at the heart of the Middle East conflict. Set during the first Intifada with the Israeli-Arab struggle as its backdrop, *Masked* depicts the tragedy of one family torn between duty, kinship, principles, and survival.

Three times a week the performances are followed by "Urgent Conversations" with notable speakers, community leaders, and the creative team. **Rabbi Kalmanofsky** will participate in the panel after the September 2 show.

A limited number of tickets for this performance are available at the discounted price of \$40. To reserve, contact Michelle Dingoor, mdingoor@anshechesed.org or 212.865.0600 ext. 201. Location: DR2 Theatre, 103 East 15th Street, at Union Square East.

Anshe Chesed Outings Group News

Hiking and Crafts Village Visit Sunday, September 9

West Mountain and Webatuck Crafts Village - 7.4 miles (4 hours) on terrain of moderate difficulty with some hilly sections and nice views followed by a visit to the nearby Webatuck Crafts Village. Webatuck is an entire community of artisans: see glass blown, pottery thrown, or copper, tin and wood fashioned into a chandelier. Cost is \$10 (\$5 AC/Mosaic members). Limited to 30 people. Telephone reservations are required by 6:00pm on Monday, September 3. Call Michael (212/678-7881 before 9:00pm) to reserve. Rain cancels. Car-pooling (reserve early).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities at the Jewish Home & Hospital

During the week prior to Rosh HaShanah, volunteers are needed to recite blessings over apples and honey, sound the shofar, and make and distribute New Year's cards. Prior to Yom Kippur, volunteers are needed to chant Yom Kippur melodies. Before Sukkot, help is needed to decorate the sukkah. In addition, volunteers can help transport and accompany residents to High Holiday services, and can invite a resident for lunch in the sukkah at the home. Please call 212.870.4959 or email syellin@jhha.org.

Bereavement Support Groups Beginning in September and October

The New York Jewish Healing Center and Shira Ruskay Center/JBFCS Our groups are co-led by a rabbi and social worker. Draw strength, solace and support from one another and from Jewish spiritual resources- including stories, ritual and prayer. For Jews of all backgrounds and affiliations. There are groups for people who have lost a sibling, a spouse, a younger parent, an adult child, or a young child, as well as for survivors of a close one's suicide (M'kom Shalom). For more information and to register contact Robin Schoenfeld, LMSW 212.399.2320 ext. 211 or Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, LCSW 212.399.2320 ext. 215 (for bereaved parents and M'kom Shalom) JBFCS, 120 West 57th Street.

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** email membership_mat@anshechesed.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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