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ANSCHÉ CHESÉD HINENI



LEKH LEKHA (Genesis 12:1-17:27)

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Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

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Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Parsha Study

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Rabbi David Gedzelman's Parashat HaShavua class continues through November 3. Each week the group looks at the Biblical text and explores a range of Midrashim, traditional commentaries and/or Hasidic interpretations.

Shabbat Morning Services 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Minyan

Minyan M'at

Minyan Rimonim

Learner's Minyan

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Many of Ansche Chesed's active members first became more knowledgeable about Judaism and more involved with AC through their participation in a Learner's Minyan. Come for a friendly, spiritual, and anxiety-free service, exploring the basics of Saturday morning prayer. You do not need to know how to read Hebrew. Led by Ben Shalva, AC's rabbinic intern.

Services for Children and Families

11:00 a.m.

Mishpacha Shabbat (Ages 3 and under).

Followed by kiddush and playtime.

Minyan Yigdal (Ages 4 to 7)

Big Kids Service (Ages 8 to 12)

Teen Tefillah (Post- b'nai mitzvah)

NEWS&NOTES&NEWS&NOTES

Mazal Tov to:

Madeleine Emerick and Rachel Steuermann on the celebration of Madeleine's bat mitzvah.

Ken Karan and **Jennifer Raider** on their engagement.

Sharon Wasserstrom and **Lyle Kahn** on their aufruf and upcoming marriage.

Marilyn and Ross Diamond on the birth of their twins, a boy and a girl.

Todah Rabbah:

This week's Sanctuary Minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Rachel Steuermann in honor of Madeleine Emerick's bat mitzvah.

Blood Drive chairs **Linda Messing**, **Gail Mota**, and **Karen Sawitz**, volunteer **Eileen Gordon**, and the 52 people who came in support of the drive on September 30. Thanks also to **Sylvia Ortiz** for coordinating appointments.

Those who staffed the Ansche Chesed booth at the Broadway street fair on September 30: **Eric Gertner**, **Frances Degen Horowitz**, **Israel Fridman**, **Nancy Sinkoff**, **Lenore and Ken Michaels**, **Larry and Marilyn Levi**, **Joyce and Martin Mann**, **Sara Shudofsky**, **Bali Miller**, **Fred and Jean Herschkowitz**, **Robert Frost**.

Davening Workshop with Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn Monday, October 22, 7:30-9:00pm

Veteran and first-time prayer leaders are invited to this series of workshops, which provide a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment. We will share ideas and skills, explore old traditions and new melodies, and learn from one another. The first of this year's workshops is entitled "Meet the Composer: Where does the Music of the Service Come From?" exploring the origins of some familiar melodies, the traditions behind them and the logic (or absence thereof!) of their inclusion in our services!

BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER:

Jewish Sacred Moments: A Class for Interfaith Families

Dasee Berkowitz

It can be hard work for interfaith families to celebrate sacred moments in ways that satisfy everyone. In this class, participants can learn more about each state of the Jewish life cycle and gain resources to enrich their Jewish life passages.

5 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., beginning November 20.

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

To register, email

sposen@anschechesed.org or call

212.865.0600 ext. 205.

Dasee Berkowitz has worked in Jewish education for the past 15 years. Most recently, she was co-chair of Limmud NY 2007, the annual multi-day, multi-generational festival of Jewish life and learning. She is currently working as an educational consultant for the California-based organization Jewish Milestones, developing resource material and training modules for lifecycle facilitators.

Praying Deeply, Within the Book Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

Join us to study the Shabbat morning liturgy, discussing the historical contexts of the prayers, their structure, their poetic power, and their theological images.

6 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., beginning November 13

Psalms for the Heart

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

This reading group will look at the Psalms as devotional texts. For centuries, Jews have sought solace, strength, and religious inspiration in these poems for times of joy and trouble.

Monthly, Shabbat afternoons at 4:00 p.m. First session November 3.

Shabbat Meditation

On November 3 at 5pm, follow a Shabbat of prayer, psalms and text study with the deep rest and replenishing energy that comes from contemplative Jewish meditation. Basic instruction is geared for all levels. All are welcome.

ADULT CLASSES AND STUDY GROUPS (continued)

Shared Bible, Different Faiths

A centerpiece of our program this year is an exciting opportunity to get to know our Christian neighbors better, through studying the Bible we share. Please join Rabbi Kalmanofsky and the Rev. J. Elise Brown, and members of her congregation, Advent Lutheran Church for bi-weekly study this fall. Opportunities like this make the Upper West Side a special place to live. Please join us!
Next session Monday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. Advent Lutheran Church, 93rd Street and Broadway.

Literature at Lunchtime

Rabbi Shmuel Sandberg

All are welcome to join this daytime group for a discussion of short Jewish literary works, exploring either a poem or short story each month. All texts will be read together in class, in English. In the second session, the group will discuss "Shmuel HaNagid: Warrior, Poet, Jew," and in the third session the group will read a story by Alberto Gerchunoff, the father of Latin American Jewish literature.

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:30 p.m., October 24, 31, November 14, 21

Senior Adult Program

Wednesday, November 7, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Benjamin Shalva will present "**From Hester Street to Hollywood: Images of the New York Jew in American Cinema.**" View segments from several popular films and explore issues surrounding how Hollywood portrays Jewish life in New York.

ONGOING CLASSES AND STUDY GROUPS – New participants welcome

Everybody Knows . . . The Basics You Never Learned

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky and Rabbi Lauren Kurland

October 23: Kashrut

October 30: The Jewish Bookshelf

November 6: The Jewish Life Cycle

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The Human Face of God

Rabbi Neil Gillman

6 Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., through November 14

Hevra Shas: Talmud Study

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Family and Youth News

Project Aliyah

Project Aliyah, for families with a child becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah between October 2007 and October 2009, begins the year with a day-long workshop on Sunday, October 21 from 10:30 to 3:30 PM. At this workshop, we will discuss the personal, ritual, and communal significance of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We will also learn more about the Anshe Chesed Tzedakah Foundation, and have a chance to learn about having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at AC. For more information, call 212.865.0600 ext. 208.

Friday Evening Tot Shabbat

Celebrate Shabbat with your little ones as we welcome the Sabbath bride with song, story, and dance. Dance a little, pray a little, sing a little, and make Shabbat a little extra special. For children up to age 5 with their parents, grandparents, families, and friends. Babies and toddlers are especially welcome. November 2, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Shabbat Gym: New Format

Families with children ages one to seven are invited to come inside during the winter months and enjoy the gym and one another's company. In order to ensure the safety and improve the experience of the children participating in Anshe Chesed's Shabbat Gym program, we have made some changes for the 2007-2008 Shabbat Gym season. We will now be offering two gym shifts: Shift A, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. OR Shift B, from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. **(Please note: Shift B is now closed).** Enrollment is first-come, first-serve. There is a maximum enrollment of 20 families per shift. Please note new fees reflecting the new schedule: Anshe Chesed Member Families: \$120 / Non-Member Families: \$180. For more information, contact Mara Berde, mara@anshechesed.org or 212.865.0600 ext. 207.

IN THE COMMUNITY

For There Is Hope:

**Gender and the Hebrew Bible
A Conference to Honor the Memory and Legacy of Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky
Sunday, October 21, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
At the Jewish Theological Seminary. For conference details and registration see www.hopeconference2007.com.

Voices of Reason in Unreasonable Times: A Dialogue on Muslims and the Media

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. at the JCC
Former colleagues at the New York *Daily News* offer an inside view of New York media coverage of Muslims. Larry Cohler-Esses, former reporter for the *Daily News*, who has reported from Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan, and is currently editor-at-large of *The Jewish Week*, will be joined in dialogue by Tamer El-Ghobashy, a *Daily News* staff writer who covered the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah-Lebanon war. Moderating will be Joshua Friedman, a 1985 Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Director of the International Program at Columbia's School of Journalism. JCC members \$10 / Non-members \$15.

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