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ANSCHÉ CHESÉD HINENI



METZORA (Leviticus 14:1-15:33)

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Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20

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Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Parsha Study

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Rabbi David Gedzelman resumes his study sessions on the interpretations of the Hasidic masters. All are welcome, as are drop-ins to any session.

Shabbat Morning Services

10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Minyan

Minyan M'at

West Side Minyan

Services for Children and Families

11:00 a.m.

Mishpacha Shabbat (Ages 3 and under).

Minyan Yigdal (Ages 4 to 7)

Big Kids Service (Ages 8 to 12)

Teen Tefillah (Post-b'nai mitzvah)

Psalms for the Heart 4:00 p.m.

For centuries, Jews have sought solace, strength, and religious inspiration in these poems for times of joy and trouble. Join Rabbi Kalmanofsky to discuss familiar and unfamiliar texts, and to see how they might shape your spiritual experience.

NEWS&NOTES&NEWS&NOTES

Condolences to:

Ruth Salzman on the death of her brother, David Unger.

Mazal Tov to:

Mick Zloof, Anat, Avi, Maya, Yon, and Daniel Zloof on the celebration of Mick's bar mitzvah this Shabbat.

Josie Glausiusz and **Larry Kluger** on their marriage.

Fred Mogul and **Adrienne Teleri** on their marriage.

PASSOVER NOTES

Home Hospitality for the First Passover Seder

No one should be alone on Pesah. If you have a place for one or more people at your seder table, or if you would like to attend a seder on the first night, please let us know by Friday, April 11. Call Sharri Posen at 212.865.0600 ext. 205, or email sposen@anschechesed.org.

Second Night Community Seder at AC

Sunday, April 20

Rabbi Kalmanofsky will lead a seder for all ages. Join us to ask our questions and tell the story of our people's liberation. Cost: AC members and guests: \$70 per person. Seniors and students \$55, children 4-12 \$25, non-members \$85.

Community Friday Night

Pre-Passover Dinner

Friday, April 18

Adults \$35, children ages 4-12 \$15.

Feeding the Hungry

As in past years, we are collecting non-perishable packaged foods for the food pantry run by the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. Food may be brought to the Ansche Chesed office until Friday morning, April 18. Monetary contributions are also welcome; checks should be payable to the Ansche Chesed Rabbi's Fund or WSCAH.

Book of Remembrance

Please return the form to the office with your contribution by April 17.

Sale of Hametz

If you plan on designating Rabbi Kalmanofsky to sell your hametz, please visit the synagogue during business hours up until noon on Friday, April 18. You may also do this by email. Write to Rabbi Kalmanofsky at rjk@anschechesed.org. Be sure to include your address and apartment number. It is also customary to make a donation to the AC Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to help feed those in need.

PASSOVER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17

Morning minyan 7:20 a.m., followed by *siyyum* of the first born.

Search for *hametz* between sunset and darkness.

Friday, April 18

Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.

Community Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Shabbat Morning Services 10:00 a.m.

Stop eating *hametz* by 10:40 a.m.

First Seder

Sunday, April 20

Morning Services 10:00 a.m.

Minha/Ma'ariv 6:45 p.m.

Second Seder / AC Community Seder

7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Shabbat and Pesah Morning Services

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 27

Morning Services 10:00 a.m.,

including Yizkor.

BUY TICKETS NOW!

Yom HaAtzma'ut Concert at Ansche Chesed

Sunday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

With young, talented musicians from Israel and their band, **Shorashim**, in "For the Bitter and the Sweet, Celebrating 60 Years of Israel in Song." Shorashim will be joined by community chorus Shirei Chesed and Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn. With vocalists Magda Fishman, pianist Yuval Cohen, and Ya'aki Levi on percussion. Tickets \$10 in advance / \$15 at the door / Children under 13 free.

Writing Our Way from Mitzrayim to Sinai

With Dr. Linda Thal

The spiritual work of liberation begins with our celebration of Passover. Then, during the seven weeks of the *Omer* period, we set aside time both to count the days and to take account of where we are and how we are moving on our personal spiritual journey. The group will use the spiritual disciplines of journaling and *mussar* (the refinement of character traits through text study and reflection) to explore and deepen the unique ways our souls are being called to greater holiness.

5 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Advance registration required.

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

These Are the Names

Wednesday, April 30

Beginning at 10:00 p.m. and continuing through the night until Thursday, May 1, 7:00 a.m.

The annual West Side community commemoration of Yom HaShoah will take place at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 257 west 88th Street. Ansche Chesed will again participate along with other synagogues by reading names of those who perished in the Shoah. In addition to reading names from eh books, participants may also read their own family names. Each synagogue has a designated half hour slot. Out time slot this year is **4:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., Thursday May 1**. This is a truly moving and worthwhile experience (even at 4:30 a.m.!) If you wish to participate, please contact David Israel at israeldavid1@gmail.com.

Speaker: Muki Tsur

Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

Please join Ansche Chesed and Kehillat Hadar, as we mark **Yom HaZikkaron**, Israel's Memorial Day (one day before **Yom HaAtzma'ut**, Israel Independence Day). Muki Tsur — a leading Israeli historian, educator, activist, and former secretary general of the United Kibbutz Movement — will speak on "Tears at a Time of Memory: The Last 100 Years, Until Today."



FAMILY PROGRAM NEWS

Kiddush Lunch Honoring Family and Children's Shabbat Service Leaders Saturday, May 3

Honor and celebrate our Family and Children's Shabbat Service Leaders: Jenny Ackerman, Jeremy Baruch, Mindy Fischer, Amy Schultz, Tommy Treitl, and Anna Weinstein.

YOM HA'ATZMA'UT CELEBRATION Sunday, May 4

For Pre-School Children and Their Families 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

A hands-on celebration of Israel's 60th birthday, with song and dance, arts and crafts, and food. Co-sponsored by Yaldaynu Preschool. \$20 per family.

For Children 5 Years and Older 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The festivities begin with the premiere of "The Torch and the Sun," an original Ansche Chesed production starring the children of AC, commemorating Yom HaZikaron, the Day of Remembrance, and honoring Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel Independence Day. Followed by Israeli dancing and dinner. \$25 per family.

Senior Adult Program

Wednesday, May 7, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Film: HOLLYWOODISM: JEWS, MOVIES, AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

Based on Neal Gabler's best-selling book *An Empire of Their Own*, this feature-length documentary tells the story of the men who founded Hollywood. Adolph Zukor, Carl Laemmle, the Warner brothers, Louis B. Mayer, William Fox, and Harry Cohn were all immigrants or children of immigrants who wanted to reinvent themselves as Americans. In the process, they reinvented America. *Bring a dairy or parve lunch; we provide beverages and cookies.*

Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires

Friday, May 23 – Monday, May 26

The Best Jewish Singles Weekend Ever!

Join us for fun-filled days of sports, socializing and relaxing in Ramah's unique Jewish setting. Planned highlights include Square Dancing, a Beach Party, Hiking, Volleyball, Softball, Swimming, Boating, Swing Dancing (with instruction), Canoeing, Ga-Ga and many other activities. www.WingdaleUniversity.org. Profits from this weekend will benefit the work of Camp Ramah in the Berkshires.

Tuv Ha'aretz: Register Now

Register now to enjoy fresh vegetables, and/or fruits, eggs and beautiful country flowers, coming fresh and directly to you weekly at Ansche Chesed for 24 weeks this season, June 11th through November 19th. This year we offer extended hours, from 5:30-7:30pm weekly. Pick up weekly or every other week. Shares are going fast.

Go to hazon.org/food/csa for further details. Click on registration to download the form.

"Beautiful produce summer and winter - yes, you can sign up for produce delivered in the winter too! I've been introduced to celeriac, rutabaga and more. And I love the idea that I have a relationship with the farmer who grows my food."

— Arleen Stern, Ansche Chesed member

Questions? Call us! Janet Scharf, jsjs30@yahoo.com, or 212.866.2898 or Arleen Stern, arleenstern@gmail.com, or 212.877.8384

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