

## Families and Children

Ansche Chesed provides extensive family programming. Listed are some of the many programs offered. For more info or to register, please contact Rabbi Yael at [rabbiyael@anschecheded.org](mailto:rabbiyael@anschecheded.org) or Family Programming Dir. Deena Cowans at [dcowans@anschecheded.org](mailto:dcowans@anschecheded.org).

### TEEN CLASS ON IDENTITY AND SERVICE

First meeting: TUE, Nov. 1, at 6pm. The ancient sage Hillel posed three hard questions:

Who can be me, except me? When I am by myself, what am I? If not now, when? AC high schoolers are invited to join Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky, Rabbi Yael Hammerman, and Deena Cowans, in bi-weekly classes to try to answer those questions, as Jews and Americans, trying to help solve our society's most pressing challenges. Pizza will be served. As an alternative Presidents' Week break, February 19-23, we will go on a service trip outside New York, to help rebuild a battered community. Space will be limited, and priority given to those who attend our classes.

### PASSOVER STORIES WITH STORYTELLER PENINNAH SCHRAM

Shabbat Dinner, FRI, March 31

Join Ansche Chesed Family Programs, as we prepare for Passover, with master storyteller, Peninnah Schram. Peninnah will share stories of miracles and freedom during a lively, family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, and will also join us for Shabbat dinner - as we infuse our Shabbat tables with our own family stories and traditions.

### FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES AND DINNERS

FRI, Dec 16, March 31, May 19; 5:30-8:30pm

Join Rabbi Yael and Deena Cowans for family-friendly Shabbat services, followed by Shabbat dinner, dynamic learning, and open gym. A great time to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends.

### MOVING TRADITIONS GROUP FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

Rosh Hodesh SUN, from 6pm - 7:45pm (except for October): Oct 16, from 1pm - 2:45pm, Nov 6, Dec 11, Jan 8, 2017, Feb 12, March 12, April 2, May 7, June 4  
Partnering with the award-winning "Moving Traditions" Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! groups. Moving Traditions build self-esteem, Jewish identity, leadership skills, and friendship networks in single-gender environments.

### PURIM CARNIVAL

Fun for all ages. SUN, March 12

Celebrate the festival holiday of Purim!

## Humans of Ansche Chesed

Inspired by the Humans of New York blog, "Humans of Ansche Chesed" is a year-long project that will include courses on telling your story, special programs that explore the meaning of stories in our lives, and a culminating event on Sunday, March 26, where we will share stories, photos and vignettes, and the diverse experiences of our community. Please see the supplemental flyer for more programs in our series.

## Holiday Programs

### A NITTEL NACHT

FRI, December 23

For many hundreds of years, the Jewish people have struggled with their otherness in the world. Sometimes we respond with learning, humor, and game-playing. Join us on Erev Christmas eve and Chanukkah to learn more about this custom as we dine on traditional Chinese food, and laugh, learn, and play together.

### LET THEM DRINK WINE

SUN, March, 26

Prepare for Pesach in style. Ansche Chesed Clergy and community members will teach about Pesach, followed by a Kosher wine tasting program and a wine and cheese reception. The wines you taste will all be available to order to have in time for Pesach.

### YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY READING OF THE NAMES

SUN, April 23, 10pm

Each year, the Upper West Side community gathers to read the names of those among the six million murdered Jews. Come read or witness by your presence.

### UWS CELEBRATES ISRAEL

SUN, April 30

The Upper West Side celebrates Yom Ha'atzmaut together. Synagogues, schools, and Jewish organizations sponsor events throughout the UWS, celebrating the rich and complex culture, history, and people of Israel.

### TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

TUES, May 30

Please join us this year once again for an early evening study session at the JCC, in advance of the major event of study, arts presentations and socializing that has become a signature part of New York Jewish life.

# Program Guide 2016-17, 5777

Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn, Music Director

Rabbi Yael Hammerman, Director of Congregational Learning

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Anshe Chesed is a ritually traditional, socially progressive, and intellectually vibrant Conservative synagogue. Our community is filled with learning, prayer, celebration, and social action, and we strive to enable people to find their place in any of our activities.

## Shabbat Programs

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### SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Evenings: 6:30pm

Beginning November 11 – Daylight Savings: 5:30pm

Saturdays: 9:45am

### CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SERVICES

Shabbat Mornings, September through June

### SHABBAT MORNING STUDY WITH RABBI KALMANOFSKY

SAT 9:15am

Led by Rabbi Kalmanofsky and other synagogue members, sessions are on the weekly portion through the eyes of favorite commentators—ancient, medieval, and modern; midrashic, mystical, and academic.

### LEARNERS' SERVICE

Ten Shabbat Mornings in the winter: 10am

Perfect for those preparing for their kids' bnei mitzvah, or those considering conversion, or anyone who wants to feel more at home in shul. Thanks to the very well-done prayer book, you need not know how to read Hebrew characters to enjoy it.

### SHABBAT GYM

Ten Shabbatot, November through March, where families can mingle with each other in our kid-friendly gym during the cold months of winter. Members: \$195; non-members: \$260.

### SHABBAT MINCHA, SEUDAH SHELISHIT, AND HAVDALLAH PROGRAM

The first Shabbat of every month: Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Mar 4, Apr 1 May 13, June 3

## Special Programs

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### AMERICAN JEWISH CITIZENS AND THE 2016 ELECTION

FRI, November 4, Services at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:30 pm, Program at 8:30pm

What are the most important issues facing American Jews as we prepare for the 2016 elections? Join Anshe Chesed for Shabbat dinner and a panel discussion as we think about the intersection of politics, citizenship, the Jewish community, and Jewish identity. Both public officials and Anshe Chesed members will participate.

### THE HISTORY & REVIVAL OF JEWISH CULTURE IN WARSAW AND KRAKÓW

Join us SUN, November 6 at 5:30pm for an info session. From June 25 – July 2, 2017, join Rabbi Kalmanofsky and Prof. Nancy Sinkoff on a journey of learning, culture, and commemoration. For 1,000 years, Poland was the heartland of European Jewish life and culture. Rabbinic Judaism, Yiddish and Hebrew literature, secular Jewish political parties, and other forms of a vital, diverse Jewish culture flourished in Poland until the Holocaust. Now, 28 years after the fall of Communism, come and witness the current Jewish revival.

### ANSHE CHESED ANNUAL TRIBUTE

SAT, February 4 at 7pm

Join us to honor Christopher Rothko, Lori Cohen, Marcia Talmage Schneider, and Cantor Natasha Hirschhorn.

## Ongoing Programs

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### COMPOSE YOUR ORAL HISTORY

4-part series: WED, Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, and 16, 7:30-9pm.

Author, oral historian, performer, and member Michael Takiff will lead a workshop in memoir writing. Sessions will center on sharing ideas among participants, with the goal of improving their expressiveness and power.

### BREAKFAST AND LEARN: MONTHLY MIDDOT

TUES, Nov. 1, 29. Jan 3, 31, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23 8:30-9:30am

Join Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky for some bagels and coffee at our morning learning session reflecting each month on the virtues -- e.g. courage, honesty, generosity, humility -- that make for excellent Jewish character. What makes these character virtues admirable and desirable? How do we apply them in modern life? How does a person acquire these traits?

### TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI KALMANOFSKY

WED, 7-8:30pm, beginning October 26

This year we will study material from the first chapters of Bava Batra (in the Artscroll Talmud available at West Side Judaica or online) about the duties that neighbors have regarding each other's property. These sections will have interesting implications for economic competition, environmental safeguards and communal welfare in the modern age.

### LASTING IMPRESSIONS: STORYTELLING

WED Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14 12:30-2:30pm

Join "Elders Share the Arts" storyteller Robin Bady in a 7-session workshop that will transform you into an expert storyteller of your own life stories and experiences!

Classes will include inspiring prompts to spark personal story gems, lessons in revising and editing to craft your stories, and exercises to enhance performance techniques. A final sharing will put you on stage to share your story live with an invited audience. Learn a new skill, bring your friends, and come have a great time.

### LUNCH AND LEARN

WED 12-1:30pm, Once a Month When Scheduled

Guests speakers, films, trips to museums, lively discussions and engrossing topics! All are welcome.

### SCRIBBLERS ON THE ROOF

Join us on the roof, Monday evenings in the summer, as Jewish writers read from their recently published works.

### SHIREI CHESED COMMUNITY CHORUS

WED 7:30-9pm

Inspired by the diversity of Jewish music around the globe, from liturgical settings, Israeli songs, Hassidic niggunim, and new compositions. Ability to carry a tune is important. Free for members; non-members \$90 per semester or \$180 per year. For more info, please email [NHirschhorn@anshechesed.org](mailto:NHirschhorn@anshechesed.org).

### CSA AT ANSHE CHESED

Purchase shares in a farmer's produce for an entire season, guaranteeing the farmer a secure market and gaining access to local, organic produce at competitive prices. Our CSA works with Garden of Eve, an organic farm on the North Fork of Long Island. Each week, the farm delivers vegetables, fruits, eggs, and flowers, all picked within 24 hours of delivery.