HUMANS OF ANSCHE CHESED

This year, Ansche Chesed brings you a series of projects surrounding the idea of our community. Share photos of your life, record your story, and compose your oral-history. This project will include the following programs, with more to come:



HOW TO COMPOSE YOUR ORAL HISTORY

Wednesdays: October 26, November 2, 9, 17

What makes a memoir compelling to read? What makes a memoir satisfying to write? Author, oral historian, performer, and AC member Michael Takiff will lead a four-class workshop in memoir writing. Sessions will center on sharing ideas among participants, with the goal of improving their pieces' expressiveness and power. Michael will add his comments on both form and content. Participants may focus on short recollections to be contributed orally to the Humans of AC recorded archive. (Michael will offer coaching on the spoken presentation.) Participants will also be encouraged to work on longer pieces. Memoirs may relate to AC, to synagogues, or to Judaism, but any topic is fair game. Just keep in mind that the best writing comes from the heart. Personal recollections of people, places, and events that are unforgettable to the writer will produce a memoir that is vivid and meaningful to readers and listeners. No previous memoir-writing experience required.

LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Wednesdays Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14 from 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. No experience necessary. No charge, sponsored by DOROT. Pre-registration required and space is limited. To register, contact Wendy Handler at DOROT, whandler@dorotusa.org or 917-441-3724.

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