

# Anshe Chesed Fall 2009

## Adult Programs at a Glance

### אנשי חסד

DATE & TIME	DESCRIPTION
<b>Shabbat mornings</b> <b>9:30-10:30 am</b>	<b>Parshat HaShavua: The Weekly Torah Portion</b> Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky and other synagogue members, including Rabbi David Gedzelman, Professor Deborah Mowshowitz, and Rabbi Daniel Nevins lead study sessions where we read the weekly portion through the eyes of our favorite commentaries — ancient, medieval, and modern; midrashic, mystical and academic.
<b>Monthly. First meeting</b> <b>Monday, October 5, 7:45pm</b>	<b>Israel-Zionist Reading Group</b> This ongoing group began by studying the history of Israel, along with the emergence of Zionism and Zionist thought, and last year explored issues in the history of the State of Israel and their implications today. This year the group will focus on David Ben-Gurion. For information, email Paul Feinberg at paulhf838@verizon.net or call 212.865.0600 ext. 205.
<b>Monthly, Wednesdays at</b> <b>12:00 pm.</b> Exception: On October 7 the group will meet at 1:00 pm in the sukkah.	<b>Senior Adult Program</b> Seniors gather monthly for engaging discussions with various presenters, ranging from novelists, historians, and musicians to people with fascinating tales to tell about their own lives. At the first meeting of the year, October 7, Dr. Deborah Mowshowitz will discuss Mussar.
<b>6 Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 pm</b> <b>Beginning October 15</b>	<b>Learn to Read Hebrew</b> If you've sat in synagogue during the High Holidays or on Shabbat and wished you could follow along in Hebrew, this class is for you. Learning the Hebrew alphabet is easier than you think! Taught by Rivka Widerman. AC members free / Non-members \$120. Materials fee \$15
<b>Shabbat mornings at</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>October 17-December 5</b> (No session Thanksgiving weekend, November 28)	<b>Learner's Service</b> The Learner's Service provides a relaxed, intimate setting in which to learn how to participate in a traditional Shabbat morning service. Explore the structure of the service, the meaning of the prayers, and learn traditional and new tunes. You do not have to know how to read Hebrew. Led by JTS Rabbinical student Kara Tav.
<b>6 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm</b> <b>Beginning October 20</b>	<b>Imagining the Unimaginable: Our Theological Metaphors</b> Throughout history, Jews excelled at making theological metaphors. Torah stories, midrashim, great poets and theologians used metaphors to describe their ideas and experiences of God. Join Rabbi Kalmanofsky to study the religious imagination, exploring great metaphors of the past, how they speak to us today, and the metaphors we might use in the future.
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<p><b>Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm</b>  <b>Beginning October 21</b></p>	<p><b>Talmud Study (Hevra Shas):</b>  <b>Crime and Punishment in the Talmud</b>          Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky leads the group, which this year will continue in Tractate Sanhedrin, to consider questions of justice and fairness in criminal and civil trials.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 22</b>  <b>7:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Speaker: Akiva Eldar</b>          Award-winning Israeli journalist Akiva Eldar will speak about both international and domestic issues facing Israeli society. Eldar is the author of the recently-published book <i>Lords of the Land: The War Over Israel's Settlements in the Occupied Territories</i>.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 24</b>  <b>1:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Building the Sacred Community – One Melody at a Time</b>          Join Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn following Kiddush to continue our communal conversation about the integration of music and prayer, and about how we develop a common vocabulary to describe our experience at services. In this session we'll explore one of the most important elements of Tefillah – community singing.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 25</b>  <b>11:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Walking Tour of the Lower East Side</b>  <b>Prof. Annie Pollard</b>          Join us for a lecture and walking tour of the Lower East Side, with visits to AC's original Norfolk Street home, the Angel Orensantz Center, the Tenement Museum and the Eldridge Street Synagogue</p>
<p><b>Monthly on 4 Tuesdays. First meeting October 27, 7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>American Jewish Fiction: Rediscoveries</b>          This reading group will take a look at some lesser known, but wonderfully talented twentieth-century Jewish American writers. We'll start off with <i>Summer in Williamsburg</i>, one of the Brooklyn novels of Daniel Fuchs, dubbed "the Brooklyn Chekhov," before he left for Hollywood to become a screenwriter. Facilitated by Josh Hanft.</p>
<p><b>Friday and Saturday,</b>  <b>November 6 and 7</b></p>	<p><b>SHABBATON</b>  <b>The Pursuit of Justice: Text and Context</b>  <b>Rabbi David Rosenn and Ruth Messinger</b>          Rabbi David Rosenn, Director of AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps, and Ruth Messinger, President of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), will lead text study and discussion on what Judaism has to say about service, about policy advocacy, and about engaged work for domestic and global social justice.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, November 15</b>  <b>4:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Fall Concert: Open the Gates of Song - Celebrating 180 Years of Music at Anshe Chesed.</b> With Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn, Shirei Chesed Chorus, Hazzan Dr. Ramon Tasat, and Other Guest Artists</p>
<p><b>Sunday, November 22</b>  <b>11:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Walking Tour of Jewish Harlem</b>  <b>Prof. Jeffrey Gurock</b>          Before our current home, AC built a grand building on 114th Street and Seventh Avenue, when Harlem was a thriving Jewish neighborhood. Join us for a lecture and visit to our old home and other Harlem Jewish landmarks.</p>
<p><b>Friday, December 18</b>          Services 5:30 pm          Program 6:45 pm</p>	<p><b>Prof. David Kraemer</b>  <b>Kashrut and the Common Jew:</b>          How women and other common, pious Jews served as rabbis in their own homes and led to the development of Kashrut as we know it.</p>

For more information about any of the above programs or classes, email [sposen@anschechesed.org](mailto:sposen@anschechesed.org)  
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