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The great sage, Rabbi Shimon
Bar Yochai said: "If you're holding
a sapling in your hands
and someone says the Messiah
has drawn near, first plant the
sapling and then go and greet
the Messiah."



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Dear friends,

I write this message to you while sequestered in my home. Nearly 22 months after our initial quarantine, Covid has finally hit my nuclear family. Thank God, we are all feeling well and are eager to return to society. I extend my best wishes for a Refuah Shleimah to all who need it.

This week, construction work began in the synagogue building. The first phase is asbestos remediation. We hope to have a redesigned lower level completed within six weeks. I look forward to being able to use the shul library for the first time since August. When construction is finished, I will need some volunteers to help me put the library back into working order. There are more than one thousand books to sort through and determine which ones will be placed back on the shelves. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

I want to thank Meitav Feldman and everyone else who helped plan the congregational Hanukah party. It was a great success, as both the children and the adults had an enjoyable evening.

In this issue of the bulletin, you will find many pictures of the Torah dedication ceremony we had on December 5th. It was a pleasure to have the extended Coleman family join us for the weekend's festivities. I want to thank Dr. Morton Coleman for the inspired words he offered at the dedication in which he emphasized the need to use a Sefer Torah on a regular basis and the need for a shul to sustain its daily minyan. We read from the new Torah scroll the very next morning on the 8th day of Hanukah. As a long-time ba'al koreh, I can tell you that the scroll's script is extraordinarily beautiful.

I want to call your attention to some of the learning opportunities at Anshe Sholom. Daf Yomi is now learning Masechet Megillah. Over the next two months, we will study Moed Katan and Chagigah. (I plan to have a Siyyum on the entirety of Seder Moed on Shabbat, March 5th, the date of Shabbat Across America.) Our Shabbat morning class is now studying Mishnah Berurah Hilchot Shabbat. We start at 8:30AM. If you are up early on Shabbat mornings, please join us.

Over the next few months, we need your help sustaining the morning minyan. We are shorthanded because several of our regulars are away. Even if you can only join us one day per week, please do so. Everyone's participation is crucial.

We say goodbye to Jenny, Asher, Noam, and Sarit Apsan who are moving to West Hempstead. I joked with Asher that we should rename the bimah stairs "Darchei Noam," because Noam

never missed an opportunity to come to the ark and kiss the Torah. Best wishes to the Apsan family on their journey.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Daniel Arnow. For the past six years, Daniel has been a regular at our morning minyan. He was also the shul's arborist, donating plants and tending to them. Daniel had no immediate family. I want to thank our members and the volunteers from YINR who helped make a minyan at the funeral. May his memory be for a blessing.

On a positive note, our publicity campaign to attract new members is hitting the press this week. We hope to have interested young couples checking out the neighborhood in the near future. I hope that we can have maximum synagogue attendance on those occasions. I thank you for your cooperation.

Warm regards, Rabbi Evan Hoffman







Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that 2022 is upon us. Since I moved to Israel after completing high school, "celebrating" the Gregorian year always felt slightly off to me. For most people, "Sylvester," as it is called in Israel, is just an excuse for a party. But, with the benefit of pandemic hindsight, I now think we really should celebrate every day. So, I hope that you are getting off to a good start in 2022.

Since our true New Year, aka Rosh Hashanah, a lot has happened at Anshe Sholom. 5782 has already brought with it some exciting community events. We hired wonderful youth directors, Meitav and Yochai Feldman, who, together with three of their five children, moved to New Rochelle from Israel to engage our community. They have made a huge impact. New members have joined the shul. After a pandemic-related hiatus, we celebrated Chanukah together as a community. Our children enjoyed the bouncy castles, while adults indulged in the best Chanukah treats. Everyone was filled with joy during this muchloved celebration. Thank you again to all our sponsors.

The following day, we were blessed to welcome a new Torah to our shul, generously donated by Dr. Morton & Joyce Coleman. Receiving a new Torah after almost 30 years was our shul's Chanukah miracle, and we are all so appreciative of the Coleman Family's generosity! At the Hachnassat Torah dedication, Dr. Coleman asked that the Torah be used weekly -- on Mondays, Thursdays, and Shabbatot. For this to happen, we need your help. While our daily minyan is doing well, many of our regulars are away. The different quarantine requirements could prove more difficult to successfully gather a minyan in the morning. If you are available to come to minyan — any day of the week — please do so!

Because of the quickly shifting realities relating to the pandemic, we've been tiptoeing around the idea of planning too many in-person events, knowing that they may have to turn virtual or be postponed entirely depending on the situation. But we are forging ahead, nevertheless.

Plans are in the making for a weekly adult Hebrew class with Meitav and Yochai: Conversational Hebrew. This course will commence on Zoom, with the hope of moving to in-person sessions soon. This is a very exciting prospect, significant at a time when traveling to Israel is still a challenging endeavor. Meitav and Yochai are master educators, and I look forward to seeing many of you engaged in Hebrew language learning.

On Sunday evening, January 16th, we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat together. While I hope that our seder will be held in-person at the shul, we also have an excellent contingency plan for a Zoom-based celebration.

Our next big event will take place on Friday night, March 4th, when we join thousands of Jews in the US and Canada for the 26th Annual Shabbat Across America. We plan a lavish Shabbat dinner plus a special program. Please mark your calendars now for this special evening!

I would like to thank Rabbi Hoffman for his scholarly leadership and spiritual guidance. On behalf of the congregation, I also thank Rabbi Hoffman, as well as Steven Neustadter, and Flori Kajtazi for their never-ending hard work and commitment to our shul. I also want to express my appreciation to the Board of Trustees, committee members, and volunteers. Your involvement and dedication are the lifeblood of Anshe Sholom.

> Best regards, Yael Schulman
> President

SAVE THE DATE!

"More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." — Ahad Ha'am



March 4th-5th, 2022

On one special night, tens of thousands of North American Jews will come together in spiritual unison with Jews across the continent and with thousands of years of tradition. This effort encourages Jews of all backgrounds to come together and celebrate what unifies us all: The Shabbat.

Join us in shul in support of this admirable annual outreach effort

A MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD



Dear Friends,

I hope everyone enjoyed Chanukah festivities and are staying warm, cozy and healthy. November and December were busy for us, with the Holiday Boutique, Chanukah party and our own celebrations with family and friends. I am looking forward to a quieter January and February, but you never know.

Let me thank everyone who assisted with the Holiday Boutique, Sisterhood's first attempt at such an event in a long, long time. Spearheaded by our Rebbitzin Sari Hoffman, the Sisterhood Board stepped up and pitched in. Lee Katz and Ruth Grayson ran the Raffle, with items from each of our vendors, and gift certificates from Salon Antonio, Ella Salon (Larchmont), The Curtain Shoppe on Main Street, and Kai Fan Kosher Restaurant in Riverdale. AnnBeth Cohen manned the Lilly's Baked Goods table, filled with donated babkas and cookies she solicited from the Brooklyn Bakery (actually in the Bronx). Sari Hoffman, Lee Katz and Helen Siegel helped us to get vendors, and Helen also played an important role on the day of the event. Thank you to Fany and Shlomo Dubi who volunteered at the water bottle station.

The event was positive for the Sisterhood, and next time will be bigger and better. A shout out to all the Anshe Sholom members and friends who came by and purchased items and raffle tickets to support us, and to the vendors, as well as our raffle winners. (I won a tote bag, my friend Cheryl from Chair Yoga class at NRPL won jewelry, and Tom and Miriam Grimaldi won a gift basket as well as one of the beauty salon gift certificates).

We are most grateful to AnnBeth Cohen and Joel Givertz for their successful efforts to have the Sisterhood Sukkah repaired. Now we will have a good-as-new Sukkah for Sukkot next year, B"H. Thank you so much.

Sisterhood is looking forward to Spring and planning more events to support our wonderful Congregation. Perhaps a pre-Pesach wine sale/wine tasting. We welcome your suggestions. (Anyone interested in a Ladies Dance Night? Now that I am the proud owner of a blue tooth disco speaker, I want to get some good use out of it!)

Wishing everyone a "Happy Sylvester" (secular New Year), of good health, happiness and peace.

> B'Shalom, Joanne Wiesner-Steiner



To Sue Merims: Best wishes on your move and new home. Thank you for your many years of service to Anshe Sholom, from: The Sisterhood of Anshe Sholom.

To Michael and Aviva Berkowitz, Maytal and Noam Menashe, Mazal Tov on the birth of your new baby girl, Orli Adira, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi, and The Sisterhood of Anshe Sholom.

> To Debra Seltzer, Refuah Shleimah, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner.

To Rabbi Hoffman, Mazal Tov on becoming the first Orthodox rabbi to head the Westchester Board of Rabbis, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi and The Sisterhood of Anshe Sholom.

To Dr. and Mrs. Morton Coleman, Many thanks for donating a new Torah scroll to the shul. It's a great Mitzvah which we all appreciate. Mazal Tov! from: Fany and Shlomo Dubi.



Todah L'Hashem for our lives. Many thanks for the innumerable phone calls and cards during my time of illness.

Thank you to the Rabbi, and Sisterhood. Special thanks to Dr. Morton Coleman, for being with us every step of the way— even during his vacation in California. He deserves a huge "Yasher Koach".

> In appreciation, Shlomo & Fany Dubi



Some participating well-known retailers are:

- Bed, Bath & Beyond Starbucks
- Stop & Shop Shop Rite Macy's Staples
- Gap & Old Navy ... and many, many more! No extra charge to you! Great gift idea! Anshe Sholom gets the dividend!

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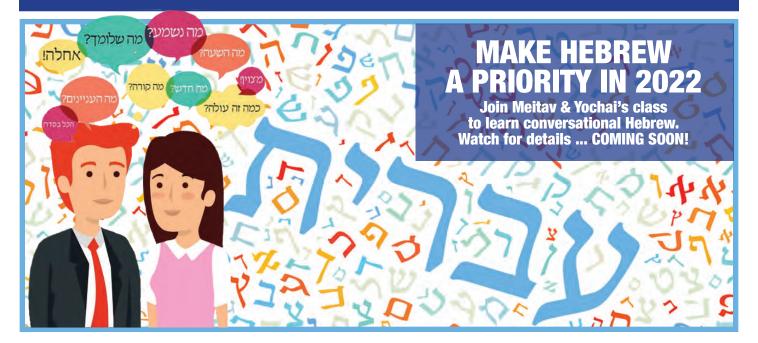
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LOOKING BACK ... A TASTE OF CHANUKAH AT ANSHE SHOLOM





SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHANUKAH AND TORAH DEDICATION PHOTOGRAPHERS: Shlomo Dubi, Laurie Kracko-Greenberg, Eugeny Rubashevsky, Phylis Steinberg, and Joanne Wiesner-Steiner









SPEECH DELIVERED BY Dr. Morton Coleman at our Torah Scroll Dedication Ceremony

1972 was a bittersweet year for me. At my age of 32, my mother died. She was my best friend, after the death of my father 15 years earlier. I was a momma's boy and proud of it. It was a difficult time for me. So what was the sweet part?

I needed a modern Orthodox shul where I could say Kaddish for my mother. I landed on Anshe Sholom for its warm, welcoming, nonjudgmental qualities. The shul reminded me of my shul in Norfolk, where I grew up. It has now been my shul for almost fifty years. To this day I still remember my cantor daughter, Ingrid, and my lawyer son, Ben (no doctors!), both sitting here in the audience, clinging to my legs as I davened at the amud, saying Kaddish for my mother.

I love this shul and its heimisch qualities, but I do worry about the future of this shul. The lifeblood of an Orthodox shul is a daily minyan. When a daily minyan falters, so does the shul. A daily minyan is imperative.

Most of you are familiar with the term bucket list- those items that one wants to fulfill in a lifetime. Some of them, mostly trivial, I have fulfilled. One was skiing down a hill with my grandchildren: Done. One was going to Antarctica: Done. Seeing Macchu Pichu: Not Done. But an important unfulfilled item was completing a promise which I had made to myself after my mother's death was to buy a Torah in memory of my parents when circumstances financial and otherwise were appropriate. But we get so wrapped up with the vicissitudes of life that items on the bucket list are often set aside, the purchase of a Torah scroll, in particular. But two turns of events changed my procrastination. Last year circumstances were very providential, but more importantly my brother, alav ha-shalom, my only sibling and best friend of over 80 years, died, highlighting to me that life is fragile. Being 81 at the time, it was time to fulfill this promise on my bucket list.

I very much appreciate the rabbi's kind words yesterday, but quite frankly the to-do these past 2 days makes me a little uncomfortable. My father taught me as a young man that charity should be given daily and quietly, teaching I have tried to observe. The dedication of a new Torah, I suspect, represents a special circumstance allowing for celebration.

Giving charity is a mitzvah in itself, but how to give charity is a task important all in itself. Once a decision to purchase a new Torah was made, the task was where to give the Torah since I wanted a new Torah at a venue where it would be used daily and fully, not be a beautiful mantlepiece. The decision was between my shul in Norfolk, B'nei Israel, and Anshe Sholom. B'nei Israel had received a new Torah 2 years ago; Anshe Sholom had not received a new Torah in 40 years. It was a no-brainer.

I thank my son-in-law, Bob, sitting here in the audience, for making me aware of this anecdote most appropriate for today. The late Rabbi Sacks of England related that the Ba'al Shem Toy, the founder of the Hasidic movement, famously noted that the Jewish people are like a living Torah scroll, and every individual Jew is a letter within it. If a single letter is damaged, missing, or incorrectly drawn, a Torah scroll is considered invalid. So too in Judaism, each individual is considered a crucial part of the people, without whom the entire religion would suffer.

Rabbi Sacks used this metaphor to make a passionate argument in favor of affiliation and practice of Judaism in these secular times, and invites us to engage in our dynamic and inclusive tradition. Please, help make a daily minyan. It is my most fervent wish. Please-use this Torah every week on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Keep the minyan!

I thank you for honoring my family and me today. May this Torah and Anshe Sholom exist for many years to come. L'Chaim!

IN HONOR OF TU B'SHEVAT Consider a Donation ...



In our lobby we have a golden Tree of Life. Leaves and bricks can be dedicated in honor of a loved one or in honor of a family simcha or to commemorate any occasion. It is a beautiful way of permanently connecting a special someone or family members or a milestone event with our beloved Shul.

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One of the highlights at Anshe Sholom is spending time together at the kiddush following Shabbat and holiday services. Our kiddush luncheons help us build the connections that make Anshe Sholom a warm and inviting congregation. In order to enhance our Shabbat joy and to maximize our schmoozing opportunities, we would like to provide enhanced kiddushes as frequently as possible, but this can only be done with your help.

By sponsoring a kiddush, you participate in supporting and fostering our sense of community. You may sponsor a kiddush in honor of someone, to remember someone, to celebrate a simcha - or, sponsor a kiddush together with a group of friends or family. You may choose to sponsor the entire kiddush for the shul, or you may help defray the kiddush costs by sponsoring part of a kiddush, or by simply making a donation. No amount is too small.

If you would like to contribute towards these special kiddushes, please contact ASKIDDUSH@gmail.com.



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