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Comedy Night w/Eli Lebowicz Feb. 26th
Shabbat Across America Mar. 3rd-4th



ADVICE FROM A TREE

1. Stand tall and proud
2. Go out on a limb
3. Remember your roots
4. Drink plenty of water
5. Be content with your natural beauty
6. Enjoy the view!



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Dear friends,

I write this message on a frigid and windy day as Hanukah draws to a close. I hope the spiritual warmth of the holiday made up for missing degrees on your thermometer.

Recently, Anshe Sholom had two very special events. The first was our Israeli Shabbaton in November. Never before in my eleven years as rabbi of Anshe Sholom was the shul so crowded on a Shabbat. The sound of Hebrew (both Israeli-accented and American-accented) was heard all over the building. East met west as the WDS Shlichim of New Rochelle hosted the SAR Shlichim of Riverdale. A great time was had by all. We concluded Shabbat with a musical Havdalah and “team” photo. My thanks to Meitav & Yochai and all the hosts for making the Shabbaton possible. The other great event was the shul Hanukah party. Again, the building was packed with people of all ages having a wonderful time. The highlight of the night was a dance performance by our elementary school girls to the song “Feel the Magic in the Air.”

Looking ahead, we have a special program on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:30PM. Rabbi Yosef Mendelevich, former Refusenik and Prisoner of Zion, will tell his inspiring and thrilling story of defying the Soviet authorities and making his way to Israel. I strongly encourage you to attend the program and meet a true hero of Jewish history.

I want to call your attention to a communal event happening at Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:30PM. The Westchester Jewish Council's Literacy Initiative, in which I am proud to take a leading role, is hosting Professor Eliyahu Stern (Yale University) who will speak on the “Jewish Enlightenment” in connection with the public being encouraged to read Jacob Katz's *Out of the Ghetto*. Professor Stern is an old friend and colleague of mine and is an excellent presenter.

Here is the schedule for my upcoming classes on the “History of Jerusalem” (all sessions are Zoom only): January 10 (Temple Mount), January 17 (Western Wall), January 31 (Mount Zion), February 14 (Mount of Olives), February 28 (Mount Scopus), March 14 (Mount Herzl), March 28 (Knesset), April 18 (Jerusalem's historic synagogues), May 2 (Yeshivot), May 16 (Ben-Yehudah Street and Machane Yehudah Market), May 30 (Mamilla).

In the cold winter months, assembling a minyan for daily Shacharit services is a challenge. Some of our members are away

in Florida, Israel, and elsewhere. Please attend whenever you can. Also, please arrive as promptly as possible for Friday night services so that we can say Kaddish at Mincha.

I want to thank those who read Torah in recent weeks. If you have a Bar Mitzvah parashah coming up on the calendar, please let me know and I am happy to accommodate you.

Best wishes,

Rabbi Evan Hoffman

*If THE
ANNIVERSARY
OF YOUR
BAR MITZVAH IS
APPROACHING
AND YOU
WOULD LIKE TO
READ
YOUR Haftarah
or Torah
PORTION,
IT WOULD BE
MY PLEASURE
TO HELP YOU
PREPARE.
DON'T BE SHY,
YOU CAN DO IT!*



SAVE THE DATE!

**“More than Jews have kept Shabbat,
Shabbat has kept the Jews.”**
— Ahad Ha'am



**SHABBAT
ACROSS
AMERICA**

March 3rd-4th, 2023

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**

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well.

Anshe Sholom is such a special place for all of us – a gathering place for our community, a hub for religious, social, and cultural events, and a source of sustenance and connection in times of joy and hardship.

It is a privilege to be able to celebrate our traditions and practices, learn and grow together, and support one another through the challenges and joys of life. I know firsthand the power and importance of being part of something that is bigger than ourselves.

As we move forward into the new year, I encourage all of us to recommit to being active and engaged members of our community. Whether through volunteering, participating in events and activities, or supporting the synagogue financially, there are countless ways to get involved and make a difference.

I also invite each of us to consider doing one additional thing that will make a meaningful contribution to Anshe Sholom and strengthen our bonds as a community. Whether it is joining a committee, volunteering at an event, or simply offering a helping hand to a fellow member in need, let us all strive to make a positive impact and be a source of support and connection for one another.

I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the coming months. Wishing you a wonderful winter season and a happy, healthy 2023.

Sincerely,

Yael Schulman

President





**Join us at Anshe Sholom
to hear the inspiring and uplifting story of
Rabbi Yosef Mendelevich**



**ONE JEW
WHO TOOK ON THE
KGB**

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 3, 2022
@ 7:30 PM**

Rabbi Mendelevich is one of the most well-known and influential refuseniks. He was imprisoned in the Soviet Union for his efforts to emigrate to Israel and his involvement in the Jewish dissident movement. Despite facing numerous challenges and being repeatedly confined in isolation cells.

Rabbi Mendelevich never lost his faith and determination to preserve his Jewish identity. His resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity make him a true hero and an inspiration to us all. As a vocal advocate for human rights and the right of Jews to emigrate from the former Soviet Union, Rabbi Mendelevich continues to inspire and make a difference in the world. Don't miss this opportunity to be moved and inspired by his story.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For an exciting opportunity you will never forget ...
*Join us a bit earlier at the shul for a VIP Dinner
 in honor of Rabbi Mendelevich.
 6 PM • \$180 per person*



To RSVP, contact Asnewroch@aol.com or call (914) 632-9220

A MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD



Dear friends,

Happy New Year 2023 everyone, or "Sylvester" as the Israelis say to distinguish it from the Jewish New Year!

We all had a great time at the Chanukah Party, and Sisterhood was able to raise over \$350 towards our Shabbat Luncheons Fund thanks to our 50/50 raffle, run by Constance Levi. Thank you Constance, and thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle. Special thanks to Steven and Elanit Hirsch who won and graciously donated their winnings back to Anshe Sholom. Thank you all so much!

Our first Womens Rosh Chodesh gathering was a success and enjoyed by all. We will continue to meet and learn each month. Our next two dates will be January 21st and February 18th. Please join us.

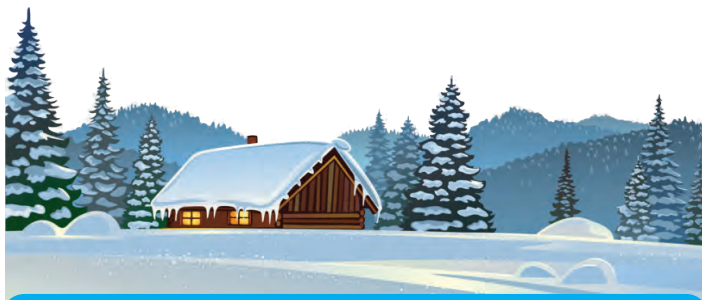
Here's hoping that the winter months go smoothly and won't be too cold for us in New Rochelle. Believe it or not, Purim is just around the corner (March 7th). Sisterhood will once again be selling Mishloach Manot bags for us to send to each other. See page 8 for more details. I hope everyone will take part.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

In friendship,

Joanne Wiesner-Steiner

Sisterhood President



TO PURCHASE SUNSHINE OR MEMORIAL CARDS

contact:

Joanne Wiesner-Steiner
joannewiesnersteiner@gmail.com



**\$5
EACH**



SUNSHINE CARDS

*To Janice Joseph, Refuah Shleimah,
from: Fanny & Shlomo Dubi*

*To Sol Neier, Refuah Shleimah,
from: Fanny & Shlomo Dubi*



MEMORIAL CARDS

*To Betsy Baum and Family, on the loss of beloved
husband, father, and grandfather Sidney,
from: Charlotte & Jerry Lovich
and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood*

**Honor your loved ones
by buying a plaque
for a pew seat in the shul
\$360 per seat**



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!

**Call Ruth Grayson, 914-632-4555,
or the office, 914-632-9220.**

DONATIONS

In Memory Of ...

*To Wendy, in memory of dear friend, Paul Packer,
gone 6 years, from: Steven Lowenstein*

*To Betsy Baum, on the loss of husband Sid Baum, from:
Rose Lipshitz, Marcia & Arthur Rubenstein,
Yehudit Sarah & Yehoshua Waller, and Randi Weingarten*

In Honor Of ...

*To Paul and Ilissa Warhit, Congratulation on your daughter
Ally's marriage to Leo, from: Honey & Sol Neier*

*To Rabbi Moshe Kracko, in honor of your Wednesday night
parsha class, from: Debra Wilk*

*To Dr. Morton Coleman, with sincere gratitude,
from: Dr. Peter Ross*

*To Honey & Sol Neier, Happy 50th wedding anniversary, from:
Ruth Grayson and Charlotte & Jerry Lovich*

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



ANSHE SHOLOM'S TREE OF LIFE

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.*

LEAF \$250 – members • \$300 – non-members

BRICK \$1,000 – member • \$1,200 – non-members

*Contact our office for more information:
(914) 632-9220*

**JOIN US for a heimishe
Friday Night Dinner
@ Anshe Sholom
January 13, 2023 • 5:30 PM
\$36 per Adult, \$18 per Child
..... SPONSORS WELCOME**



**Contact the shul office to Sign up
RSVP BY
TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH**

SPONSOR • A • KIDDUSH



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





A colorful illustration of three cartoon circus characters. On the left is a large clown with a red nose, wearing a red shirt, blue overalls, and a yellow and red striped hat. In the center is a small jester with a red nose, wearing a green and blue striped hat and a red outfit, performing a handstand. On the right is a small fairy with blonde hair, wearing a pink dress and a blue tutu, holding a wand. They are all smiling and standing on a yellow and blue striped base.

Purim is Just Around The corner!

Joanne Wiesner-Steiner, Sisterhood President

Names of specific people I'm sending Mishloach Manot to:



21st Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast

❖

The largest interfaith/intergroup gathering in our region

❖

**Celebrating Our Diverse Roots and Shared Values
Since September 11, 2001**

Invocation

*Delivered by Rabbi Evan Hoffman,
President, Westchester Board of Rabbis
Thursday, November 17, 2022*

Dear friends,

We are assembled here today to celebrate the diversity of our beloved Westchester community. The Talmud, that great repository of Jewish-Rabbinic wisdom, asks why God created mankind with a solitary individual – Adam. Why were there not multiple first-men?

Among the various answers proposed, two stand out. Firstly, so that descendants of one branch of humanity cannot say “My progenitor was righteous, therefore I too will necessarily be righteous,” nor would the descendants of another branch of humanity say “My progenitor was wicked, therefore I too will necessarily be wicked.”

God did not wish for later generations to rest on the laurels of those who came before them, nor for people to give up on their own moral potential and assume the worst about themselves. Rather, we all have work to do in the moral sphere, and we must know that with diligent effort we can be successful.

The Talmud posits another answer: Had there been multiple first-men then the various genealogical factions of humanity would be a constant war with each other. The Talmud interjects:

But, in fact, and sadly, man is always locked in warfare with his enemy. To which the Talmud answers: Had we not been one human family, the situation would be far worse.

Implied in this response is an assumption that every human being knows (in our hearts – if not always in our heads) that the neighbor, be he close or distant, friendly or adversarial, is still a brother.

It was man's destiny to spread forth and conquer the four corners of the earth. The Tower of Babel is a necessary etiology for the dispersion and diffusion of humanity. Had the story not appeared in Scripture, we would have had to write it ourselves. Different languages, different locations, different cultures, different faiths, different physical appearances. Humanity became a tapestry, evolving from a boring monotony.

Our task is to bring the various segments of the human family back together. In today's global village, hardly anybody still lives in a homogenous environment. Our challenge is to take the heterogenous bunch residing in our county, and transform it into a united and harmonious fraternity.

We are on the right track. And “the momentum is in the doing.” We recognize the righteous work of our communal organizations, their professionals, their lay leaders and volunteers, and of course the clergy of many faiths.

With bowed heads we thank the Almighty for his beneficence. May peace and blessings be showered upon us.
And let us say Amen.



























Join us for this wonderful event

Tu B'Shevat Seder & Celebration

Sunday, February 5th
@5:30 PM






















JANUARY 2023

TEVET/SHEVAT 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 Tevet  Hebrew Class w/ Yochai 7:30PM Shacharit 8:00 AM	2 9 Tevet  Hebrew Class w/ Yochai 7:30PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	3 10 Tevet  GUEST SPEAKER R. Mendelevich 7:30 PM FAST OF 10 TEVET BEGINS 6:08 AM ENDS 5:20 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Mincha 4:15 PM	4 11 Tevet  Parshah Class w/ R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	5 12 Tevet  Talmud Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	6 13 Tevet  4:24 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Eve. Service 4:30 PM	7 14 Tevet VAYECHI Shacharit 9:15 AM Mincha 4:20 PM Havdalah 5:27 PM
8 15 Tevet Shacharit 8:00 AM	9 16 Tevet  Hebrew Class w/ Yochai 7:30PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	10 17 Tevet  History Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	11 18 Tevet  Parshah Class w/ R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	12 19 Tevet  Talmud Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	13 20 Tevet  4:32 PM COMMUNAL SHUL DINNER Shacharit 7:00 AM Eve. Service 4:35 PM	14 21 Tevet SHEMOT Shacharit 9:15AM Mincha 4:25 PM Havdalah 5:35 PM
15 22 Tevet Shacharit 8:00 AM	16 23 Tevet MLK.Jr Day  Hebrew Class w/ Yochai 7:30PM Shacharit 8:00 AM	17 24 Tevet  History Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	18 25 Tevet  Parshah Class w/ R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	19 26 Tevet  Talmud Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	20 27 Tevet  4:40 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Eve. Service 4:45 PM	21 28 Tevet VA'ERA Shacharit 9:15 AM Mincha 4:30 PM Havdalah 5:43 PM
22 29 Tevet Shacharit 8:00 AM	23 1 Shevat ROSH CHODESH  Hebrew Class w/ Yochai 7:30PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	24 2 Shevat Shacharit 7:00 AM	25 3 Shevat  Parshah Class w/ R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	26 4 Shevat  Talmud Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	27 5 Shevat  4:48 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Eve. Service 4:50 PM	28 6 Shevat BO Shacharit 9:15 AM Mincha 4:40 PM Havdalah 5:51 PM
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FEBRUARY 2023

SHEVAT/ADAR 5783

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BE HAPPY ... ADAR IS COMING! 			1 10 Shevat  Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	2 11 Shevat  Talmud Class w/R. Hoffman 8:15PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	3 12 Shevat  4:57 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Eve. Service 5:00 PM	4 13 Shevat BESHALLACH SHABBAT SHIRA Shacharit 9:15 AM Mincha 4:50 PM Havdalah 6:00 PM
5 14 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Seder & Celebration @ 5:30 PM Shacharit 8:00 AM	6 15 Shevat TU B'SHEVAT  Hebrew Class w/Yochai 7:30PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	7 16 Shevat Shacharit 7:00 AM	8 17 Shevat  Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	9 18 Shevat  Talmud Class w/R. Hoffman 8:15PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	10 19 Shevat  5:05 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Eve. Service 5:10 PM	11 20 Shevat YITRO Shacharit 9:15 AM Mincha 5:00 PM Havdalah 6:08 PM
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26 5 Adar COMEDY NIGHT/ DINNER & DRINKS 8 PM Shacharit 8:00 AM	27 6 Adar  Hebrew Class w/Yochai 7:30PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	28 7 Adar Shacharit 7:00 AM	 Daily Services FEBRUARY Sundays 8:00 AM Mondays-Fridays 7:00 AM Saturdays 9:15 AM		 DAF YOMI via ZOOM  Sundays – Friday 10:30 AM	

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THE Shul BY THE Shore

**COMEDY
NIGHT**
@ Anshe
Sholom



**Don't miss this
night of laughter**



**We hope
to see you there!**

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or to RSVP,
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featuring **Eli Lebowicz**

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2023
@ 8:00 PM