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## SAVE THESE DATES

Tu B'Shevat .....	Feb. 2nd
Erev Purim .....	Mar. 2nd
<i>Shabbat Across America</i> Dinner .....	Mar. 13th





## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Dear friends,

In the depths of winter, when the oppressive wind and cold take a toll on one's emotional (and physical) state, it is important to have a place and an activity that provides warmth (in both the figurative and literal senses). I wake up each weekday morning at 6:00AM in order to get Eli ready for the Frisch high school van that picks him up at 6:30AM. At that hour, it is still dark out. I spend the next half hour getting some exercise by taking a vigorous walk up and down the North Ave hill several times.

A few minutes before 7:00AM, I enter the side door of Anshe Sholom and make my way to the Librett Chapel for morning minyan. That room is the place where I find spiritual warmth. (And, in recent months, physical warmth too, as the baseboard heating has been functioning optimally.) I say "good morning" to those who arrived early, put on my Tallit and Tefillin, switch on the Menorah light above the chazzan's stand, and open up the oversized chazzan's Siddur. For the next thirty minutes (and on Mondays and Thursdays, forty minutes) I lead the congregation in heartfelt prayer.

The regular minyanaires have long ago learned the nuances of my nussach (cantorial melody). They join in with me as I recite aloud the final line of the outgoing paragraph and the opening line of the next paragraph. They know how I switch from modern Hebrew pronunciation to old-world Ashkenazi pronunciation for the final line of the long Tachanun. They get excited as I belt out the opening word of the "second" Ashrei. And, on Fridays, they anticipate my immediate post-davening remark, "Good news, Shabbos is coming, candle lighting is at 4:13PM."

While any recurring social gathering can foster a sense of camaraderie, the minyan truly brings people together. On the rare morning that I find myself davening somewhere other than Anshe Sholom, I miss my chaverim, and I miss that special place. I can only hope that more people will discover the emotional, psychological, and spiritual advantages of attaching oneself to a daily minyan. Communing with one's Maker and fulfilling the religious command of reciting the statutory liturgy bring a person into the room; enjoying the environment and feeling at home are what keep people coming back.

I want to appeal to everyone to increase their participation in our regular Shabbat activities. I am looking for volunteers to deliver a Friday night Dvar Torah, read an Aliyah or Haftarah on Shabbat morning, and to serve as Chazzan for Shacharit or Mussaf. I thank those who have volunteered in recent weeks. Your voices enhance our services.

*Best wishes from Sari, Eli, Elana, and me,  
for a happy and healthy 2026.*

Stay warm!

*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!**



## 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**

## THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends,

The promise of a new Calendar year is at hand. I pray for success, health, peace and prosperity for all of us and our Shul in 2026. I believe we are blessed to have a spiritual home to share in the joys and support each other through the struggles as we move through our remarkable lives, striving to improve and perfect our world as Hashem desires and as detailed by our tradition.

We recently sent out end-of-year statements with balances for events, pledges and memberships still pending on our ledgers. I believe Anshe Sholom provides excellent value for membership and events, and we greatly appreciate your generosity now and throughout the year. Thank you for sending your fully tax-deductible donation—I promise we will use it wisely to maintain and grow our Shul. We are raising money for new cushions for the pews in the main Sanctuary. The current cushions are 20 years old and need to be replaced, and we have a goal of \$15,000 to cover the cost.

The upcoming year marks 130 years of Anshe Sholom—a remarkable history of community service and spiritual continuity. We all must be ambassadors for our Shul and are all essential in maintaining our future for years to come. Please invite someone new for Shabbat or commit to our morning minyan for one or more mornings a week. I can say from experience that it will transform your life for the better! It's so much healthier and more invigorating than scrolling through meaningless images and messages on an electronic device. Check your internet usage—I'll bet you could spare some time for prayer and real community.

Please enjoy the winter and keep warm with us at Shul. Everyone at Anshe Sholom counts, and we need You! Get involved, because we are all important. I'll see you at Shul.

Best Wishes for a wonderful 2026

**Tom Grimaldi**  
President



## SAVE THE DATE!

**“More than Jews  
have kept Shabbat,  
Shabbat has kept the Jews.”**

— Ahad Ha'am



**SHABBAT  
ACROSS  
AMERICA**

**March 13th-14th, 2026**

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



Hello dear friends,

It is widely recognized that successful synagogues require the contributions of 'doers, daveners, and donors.' Traditionally, the Sisterhood has focused on its role as a donor, raising funds to be contributed back to the synagogue during the Annual Meeting in June. However, as our membership has declined, organizing events and generating revenue have become increasingly challenging.

This year, Sisterhood graciously volunteered to sponsor the dinner in the Sukkah, with the Grimaldi Family generously underwriting the food expenses. Their support was both unexpected and deeply appreciated. When I expressed my gratitude to Tom, he remarked that they were pleased to assist Sisterhood, stating, "We are all one family." The celebration was heimishe and fun. A great time was had by all.

This sentiment rings true. When we learned that the Grimaldis were taking on the Chanukah party without a committee to support them, the Sisterhood Board unanimously agreed to extend our assistance to Tom and Miriam by managing publicity, food, and decorations.

With this initiative, Sisterhood has found another avenue to support our synagogue, embodying the spirit of being 'doers.'

With wishes for a 2026 filled with *besorot tovot*, (good tidings),

**Constance and Joanne**

Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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Ellen Kracko, Tova Ovits, and Helen Segel



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for a pew seat in the shul  
**\$360 per seat**



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- Stop & Shop • Shop Rite • Macy's • Staples
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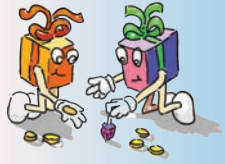
No extra charge to you! Great gift idea!

Anshe Sholom gets the dividend!

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or the office, 914-632-9220.







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



Below is a small sampling of photos from this year's Anshe Sholom annual Chanukah celebration. Thank you Tova Ovits and Miriam Grimaldi for sharing these pictures!



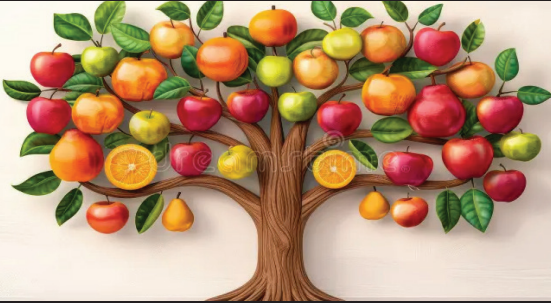






# FEBRUARY 2026

## SHEVAT/ADAR 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Daily Services</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>Sundays ..... 8:00 AM Mondays–Fridays ..... 7:00 AM Saturdays ..... 9:15 AM</p>		 <p><b>DAF YOMI via ZOOM</b></p> <p>Sunday 7:00 PM Monday– Friday 10:30 AM</p>				
1   14 Shevat	2   15 Shevat	3   16 Shevat	4   17 Shevat	5   18 Shevat	6   19 Shevat	7   20 Shevat
Shacharit 8:00 AM	Tu B'Shevat Shacharit 7:00 AM	History Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	Siddur Class w/ R. Hoffman 7:00AM Parshah Class w/ R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	Talmud Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	5:00 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Mincha 5:05 PM	YITRO Shacharit 9:15 AM Mincha 4:55 PM Havdalah 6:03 PM
8   21 Shevat	9   22 Shevat	10   23 Shevat	11   24 Shevat	12   25 Shevat	13   26 Shevat	14   27 Shevat
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15   28 Shevat	16   29 Shevat	17   30 Shevat	18   1 Adar	19   2 Adar	20   3 Adar	21   4 Adar
Shacharit 8:00 AM	PRESIDENTS' DAY Shacharit 8:00 AM	MOLAD ADAR 3:50:12 AM ROSH CHODESH History Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	ROSH CHODESH Siddur Class w/ R. Hoffman 7:00AM Parshah Class w/ R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	Talmud Class w/ R. Hoffman 8:15PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	5:17 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Mincha 5:20 PM	TERUMAH Shacharit 9:15 AM Mincha 5:15 PM Havdalah 6:20 PM
22   5 Adar	23   6 Adar	24   7 Adar	25   8 Adar	26   9 Adar	27   10 Adar	28   11 Adar
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