

SHABBAT PARSHAT PEKUDEI

Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation

March 15 – 16, 2024 • 6 Adar II 5784

Hashkama Kiddush is co-sponsored as we continue to pray for the return of our hostages and the safety of צה"ל.

Welcome to our newest member, A C Shalman, who has joined our ASBI community.

SCHEDULE FOR SHABBAT

Friday, March 15

Light Candles	6:40 PM
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv	6:45 PM

Saturday, March 16

Hashkama Minyan	8:00 AM
Babysitting (<i>Ages 2-7, in the ASBI Playroom</i>)	9:00 AM
Shacharit with sermon by Rabbi Finkelstein "Room for More"	9:00 AM
Gan Shabbat (<i>Ages 3-JK, in the JCC Lower Gym</i>)	10:15 AM
Yeladeinu (<i>Kindergarten-1st Grade, in JCC Room 206</i>)	10:15 AM
Na'areinu (<i>2nd-5th Grade, in JCC Room 206</i>)	10:15 AM
Tot Shabbat (<i>Ages 2 & under, in the Social Hall</i>)	10:30 AM
Kiddush in the JCC Upper/Lower Gym	11:15 AM
Post-Kiddush Shiur with Ranana Dine "How Does an Etrog Glorify God?"	11:45 AM
Mincha, followed by Shalosh Seudot	6:30 PM
Ma'ariv & Havdalah	7:41 PM

Recite Evening Sh'ma: March 15, after 7:39 PM
Latest time to recite Morning Sh'ma: March 16, 9:59 AM

The Fast of Taanit Esther takes place this Thursday, March 21, beginning at 5:39 AM and ending at 7:38 PM.

READINGS FOR SHABBAT PARSHAT PEKUDEI

Torah:

Exodus 38:21-40:38

Hertz: Page 385

Kaplan: Page 480

Stone: Page 530

JPS Commentators: Page 326

Haftorah:

I Kings 7:51-8:21

Hertz: Page 392

Kaplan: Page 1136

Stone: Page 1164

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov to Avia & Joel Ickovics on the birth of a baby girl. If you would like to help with meals, please visit TakeThemAMeal.com. May this child's life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds!

Join us in welcoming visiting 8th graders this week from Bernard Zell. They will be joined by Israeli 8th grade students from Kiryat Gat who are visiting Chicago and learning about American Judaism.

Rabbi Finkelstein will be in Israel the week after Purim (March 25-29) and is honored to represent ASBI on a mission organized by YCT Rabbinical School.

Accessible Kiddush: There is a table available in the JCC Lower Gym during Kiddush every week.

ANSHE SHOLOM TRIBUTES

Aliyah

Gyorgy Turan

In Memory

Naomi Berkove in memory of Leila Handelman, a"h

Dr. Ellen Cannon & Dr. Arnold Herskovic in memory of Leila Handelman, a"h

Tamar Cytryn in memory of Leila S. Handelman, a"h

Michael Newberger in memory of Barbara Passman, a"h

Yahrzeit

David Binter in memory of Morris Binter, Pauline Roth & Samuel Roth, a"h

Ruth Binter in memory of her father Gershon Futerko, a"h and her mother, Chaya Futerko, a"h

Arnold Clevs in memory of Batia Clevs, a"h

Gyorgy & Rozsa Turan in memory of Shimon Shekhtman, a"h

"HOW DOES AN ETROG GLORIFY GOD?" WITH RANANA DINE

This Shabbat, March 16, After Kiddush

Lulav and etrog are often the paradigmatic example of the concept of "Hiddur Mitzvah" (literally beautifying the commandments). But what does it mean to choose a lulav or etrog to bring additional beauty to the mitzvot and what is the point of hiddur mitzvah? By looking at rabbinic sources, as well as some fictional and visual pieces, we will get to the heart of the theological question at stake in hiddur mitzvah - how can we, lowly human beings, glorify God? - and see how hiddur is related to our relationship to God, ethics, community, and commandedness.

COMMUNITY ZOOM WITH KIBBUTZ HOLIT This Sunday, March 17, 10:30 AM

Holit is a small kibbutz near the southern Gaza border, which suffered mass devastation in the terrifying attack on October 7. Since then, we've adopted this small kibbutz as a sister community of ASBI, to offer support and make a personal connection along the way.

Join us to get an update the work ASBI members are doing to help the people of Kibbutz Holit and hear from members of Holit directly.

Register at asbi.org/event/holit-zoom.

MISHLOACH MANOT 5784 FUNDRAISER

Participate in our Mishloach Manot Fundraiser this Purim to support ASBI and spread joy to your friends and neighbors.

By participating you will:

- **Fulfill the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot** with the entire ASBI congregation.
- **Help those in need in Chicago and in Israel celebrate the holiday joyously** - a percentage of all of the money raised will go to The Ark and Nourishing Hope here in Chicago and Leket Israel—Israel's National Food Bank. This year more than ever, we are excited to also once again send funds to Jerusalem's Yeshivat Eretz HaTzvi who will bring a festive Purim meal of burgers, fries, and drinks to an entire IDF base!
- **Support ASBI** - Help our community thrive and provide chesed, programming, learning resources, and more throughout the year.

MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION NOW AT [ASBI.ORG/PURIM](https://asbi.org/purim).

ASBI PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, March 24, 4:15 PM

Community members of all ages are invited to join us for a festive Purim afternoon on Sunday, March 24th. Be sure to wear your costumes!

4:15 PM Kids Activities in the JCC Lower Gym

5:00 PM Megillah Reading in the ASBI Main Sanctuary

5:30 PM Seudah in the JCC Upper Gym

ASBI MEMBERS: \$20/adult, \$15/kid, free under 2 OR \$65 family rate

NON-MEMBERS: \$25/adult, \$18/kid, free under 2 OR \$75 family rate

Register at asbi.org/event/purim-5784

SCHEDULE FOR PURIM 5784

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 PM Mincha with Torah Reading (*followed by Seudah Shlishit and Havdalah at home*)

8:05 PM Ma'ariv & Megillah Reading (*Main Sanctuary*)

8:05 PM Ma'ariv & Pin-Drop Reading (*JCC Upper Gym*)
This reading will also be broadcast on Zoom: get the Zoom link [here](#).

9:00 PM Purim Shpiel (*Main Sanctuary*)

9:30 PM Late Megillah Reading (*Main Sanctuary*)

9:30 PM Women's Megillah Reading (*JCC Upper Gym*)

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 AM Shacharit & Megillah Reading (*Main Sanctuary*)

9:30 AM Women's Megillah Reading (*Social Hall*)

4:15 PM ASBI Purim Extravaganza (*by reservation*)

5:00 PM Megillah Reading (*Main Sanctuary*)

5:30 PM Seudah (*JCC Upper Gym*)

6:55 PM Mincha & Ma'ariv (*Main Sanctuary*)

SIYYUM ON SEFER TEHILIM & SHIUR WITH RABBI YEHIEL POUPKO

This Sunday, March 17, 9:15 AM at ASBI

Please join us Sunday morning, March 17th after shacharit for a Siyyum and Shiur with Rabbi Yehiel E. Poupko, Rabbinic Scholar of the Jewish United Fund.

SHIUR WITH RABBI SHAANAN GELMAN "HAMAN, MORDECHAI AND BEING GOOD ENOUGH" Wednesday, March 20, 7:45 PM at ASBI

Rabbi Shaanan Gelman has served as the Rabbi of Kehilat Chovevei Tzion in Skokie since 2005. He earned a B.S. in Computer Science at Yeshiva College and Semicha from Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He studied in Israel, at Yeshivat Hakotel and later on at the Gruss Institute in Bayit Vegan. Rabbi Gelman is a member of the Rabbinical Council of America, and serves on the executive board. He is an active member of the cRc as well as serving on the board of the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago. Rabbi Gelman is a fervent Zionist and is active in AIPAC and has conducted a number of campaigns on behalf of our brethren in Israel. Rabbi Gelman is married to Rebetzin Tziporah Gelman. They have five children.

MISHLOACH MANOT PACKING PARTY Wednesday, March 20, 5:15 PM

Please join our annual Mishloach Manot packing party! Kids, teens & adults are all invited to participate. Food will be provided!

Please register at asbi.org/event/packing-party-24.

WOMEN'S MEGILLAH READINGS: Call for readers, new and experienced!

We are looking for readers for two ASBI Women's Megillah Readings, by women and for women (Saturday, 3/23, 9:30 PM & Sunday, 3/24, 9:30 AM). Whether you've read in the past or would like to learn, please contact us to get involved!

To sign up to read, [click here](#). If you are interested in learning, please reach out to Rachel Slutsky (rachelbsk@gmail.com).

YOUTH TEFILLAH GROUPS—THIS SHABBAT, 3/16

Tot Shabbat

(2 & Under, with a parent)

Led by Matthew Altman

10:30 AM in the Social Hall

Gan Shabbat (Age 3 - JK)

Led by Talia Seidner & Perla Seidner

10:15 AM in the JCC Lower Gym

Yeladeinu (K - 1st Grade)

Led by Devorah Kaplowitz, Elisabeth

Benson & Ronit Kinar

10:15 AM in JCC Room 206

Na'areinu (2nd - 5th Grade)

Led by Isaac Faier, Noah Ehrlich &

Isaac Kaplowitz

10:15 AM in JCC Room 206

Babysitting (Age 2 - 7)

With Tania Davis

*9:00 AM until the end of services in
the ASBI Playroom*

"REBOOTING" HOSPITALITY AT ASBI

We are working to "reboot" our hospitality efforts at ASBI and we need your help! *Hachnasat orchim*, the mitzvah of welcoming guests, is a mitzvah near and dear to many of us. It's so important that the Talmud teaches (Shabbat 127a) that "hospitality toward guests is even greater than receiving the Divine Presence."

Our community receives periodic requests for Shabbat meals (and sometimes overnights accommodations) from visitors, potential Lakeview residents, or others who might just need a Shabbat meal after a tough week. There are few things that build community more than sitting down for a Shabbat meal around a table in someone's home.

Here's how you can get involved:

1. Pick a Shabbat to add a few extra guests to your Shabbat table. [Sign up here](#) to indicate the number of spots you have and the hospitality committee will be in touch if there are people looking for meals. *(The hospitality committee will check in beforehand to confirm that you can still host and will do its best to arrange these meal matches thoughtfully.)*
2. Or, join the hospitality team! Email hospitality@asbi.org.

Eventually, we hope to have at least one ASBI member or household signed up for each Shabbat meal. Together, we can build our community at ASBI, one host and one guest at a time.

INTRODUCING THE PASSOVER HAGGADAH WITH RABBANIT DEVORAH SCHOENFELD Monday, April 15, 7:00 PM

Confused by the Passover Haggadah? In this class we will explain it. No Hebrew skills or previous knowledge required! If you have a Haggadah that you use for the seder, please bring it.

Register at asbi.org/event/haggadah

ASBI COMMUNITY SEDER Second Night, Tuesday, April 23, 8:15 PM

Families, Individuals, and Couples - everyone is invited to join us for a second night Seder at ASBI, led by Rabbanit Devorah Schoenfeld.

MEMBERS: \$25/person or \$110/family

NON-MEMBERS: \$40/person or \$165/family

REGISTER: asbi.org/event/second-seder

****WE NEED SEDER HELPERS!****

Help make the Seder happen by helping with shopping, food prep, serving, and more. This option is available to anyone interested, or in exchange for discounted or waived registration fee. Email shul@asbi.org if interested.

MIDRASH ON THE PARSHA WITH RABBI FINKELSTEIN Thursday mornings, 7:45 - 8:15 AM

Join Rabbi Finkelstein at ASBI after Shacharit on Thursday mornings for a quick parsha-related midrash.

SAVE THE DATE



ASBI SUMMER SOIREE 2024



HONORING

Ann Levenson

Joseph Goodman & Sara Morris

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 7 PM
AT GREENHOUSE LOFT
2545 W DIVERSEY AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60647

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

WEEKDAY TEFILLAH AT ASBI

Visit asbi.org/minyan to sign up for an upcoming minyan. All are welcome and encouraged to join us at weekday tefillah this week.

MARCH 17 - 22:

Sun. Shacharit at 8:30 AM & Mincha/Ma'ariv at 6:50 PM

Mon. Shacharit at 6:45 AM & Mincha/Ma'ariv at 6:50 PM

Tues. Shacharit at 7:00 AM & Mincha/Ma'ariv at 6:50 PM

Wed. Shacharit at 7:00 AM & Mincha/Ma'ariv at 6:50 PM

Thur. (*Taanit Esther*) Shacharit at 6:30 AM & Mincha/Ma'ariv at 6:35 PM

Fri. Shacharit at 7:00 AM & Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv at 6:50 PM

Thank you to the individuals listed below* who attended weekday tefillot at ASBI during the past week:

Aaron Feigelson
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**If you have been inadvertently left off the list, we apologize!*

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Sponsorship or co-sponsorship is a great way to celebrate and honor special events and commemorations happening in your life with the whole ASBI community.

Many menu and pricing options are available. Email Kiddush@asbi.org at least one week prior to the date you are interested in for details. You can learn more about pricing at asbi.org/kiddush.

DATE	KIDDUSH	SHALOSH SEUDOT	HASHKAMA
March 23 <i>Vayikra</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
March 30 <i>Tzav</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
April 6 <i>Shmini</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

REMEMBRANCE & DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Honor and/or remember your loved ones with a dedication plaque, memorial plaque, or book dedication.

New Siddur Dedication	Tree of Life Small Leaf	Tree of Life Large Leaf	Tree of Life Stone	Memorial Plaque
\$54	\$180	\$360	\$1,080	\$720

To place an order, please email shul@asbi.org.



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Dedications and Donations

Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation is indebted to Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz, a"h, for his generosity to the synagogue and to the Marovitz Scholarship Fund.

The George Kranzler Library of Judaic Classics is donated in loving memory of Mr. George Kranzler by the Kranzler and Saltzman families.

The Learning Center was dedicated on 29 Av 5761 in memory of Rose and Dr. Abe Aaronson who inspired us in learning and charity.

There is a sense of wholeness and artistic integrity in our sanctuary, thanks to our beautiful stained-glass windows on the east wall, dedicated in memory of Bernard Preis, a"h.

The windows on the south wall are dedicated in memory of George Friedman, a"h.

The Louis A. Lerner Institute of Torah Texts sponsors all of the Torah text classes at ASBI.

The Shabbat HaGadol Shiur is endowed in memory of Dr. Leonard Kranzler, a"h.