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Shabbat shalom, and welcome to Mishkan.

Mishkan is a spiritual community on a mission to engage, educate, empower and inspire people in Chicago and beyond through dynamic experiences of Jewish prayer, study, music, social activism and community-building. We believe that Judaism is a vehicle for bringing more light, more goodness, more justice, and more joy into the world, and that inspired prayer and inspired living reinforce one another.

The ancient Mishkan was the traveling prayer tent in the desert that brought together Israelites from across the spectrum of the community, and so do we: young, young-at-heart, total novices in prayer and Jewish study alongside people with years of experience, LGBTQ Jews, Jews in interfaith relationships and from all denominational and religious backgrounds. We believe everyone's birthright is to connect to God, Torah and community in this way. The only thing needed is that your heart be in it. You in?

We're so glad you're here, and hope your shabbos with us brings you higher.

Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann

TEFILAH/Reflection: To Take a Stand

Avraham is referred to as אברהם העברי *Avraham ha'Ivri*, Abraham, the Hebrew.

But he root ע-ב-ר signifies "the other side."

Thus Rabbi Yehudah used to say "Ha'Ivri, meaning, the whole world was on one side, while he was on the other.

Genesis Rabbah 42:8

KEHILAH/Community

Register for all events (unless otherwise posted) @ www.mishkanchicago.org/events

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Second Fridays @ 2U

THIS Friday November 10th, 6:30pm, **Second Unitarian Church**, 656 W. Barry

Our signature Friday night services - music, prayer, learning, intentionality and inspiration, followed by the best catered dinner this side of Jerusalem. Get a YumCard: www.mishkanchicago.org. **Kids & Families: Join us for Early Family Friday Night Dinner**, BEFORE services, 5:15pm.

RISE @ Mishkan

NEXT Saturday November 11th, 9:30am, **Second Unitarian Church**, 656 W. Barry

This is not a typo, we swear! We're on AGAIN this month for RISE @ 2U as we celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Sammy Chapman. Double down on your dose of music, prayer, reflection & Torah. Services followed by a delicious kiddush lunch generously sponsored by the Chapman/Berman family.

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The Torah Of Mourning

Thursday November 16th, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, **Maggie's Place**, 4001 N. Ravenswood suite 108

"Jews really know how to mourn." You may have heard this, but what does it mean? Learn and discuss the idiosyncratic ways Jews have navigated life with loss for thousands of years in a 101 with Rabbi Lizzi on grieving and mourning practices in the Jewish tradition. Learn the origins, meaning, and value of these rituals. You don't have to be in mourning or have experienced a loss to attend.

LOCALS: Fall Edition

Friday November 17th, various times, **various locations**, Chicago

Looking to meet new people and connect more deeply with folks at Mishkan? Come to one of our LOCALS dinners— small, intimate gatherings all over the city to help you Jew wherever you are. This month we've got LOCALS in Albany Park, Ravenswood, Hyde Park, Highland Park & Andersonville.

40s+ Havdallah House Party

Saturday November 18th, 6:00pm, **Private Home**, River North

Join the 40s+ social team for a spirited evening to eat, drink, and connect with other Mishkanites over Havdallah, music, and great conversation. Address will be emailed to those who register

Looking to Serve on Thanksgiving? If you're interested in volunteering to serve meals to those in need with other Mishkanites the day after Thanksgiving, email: RabbiLauren@mishkanchicago.org

ONGOING: The Sangha (Mishkan Meditation Minyan)

Wednesdays, continuing November 8th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, **Maggie's Place**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

A sangha is a group of people devoted to doing spiritual practice in community. The Mishkan Meditation Minyan will gather on Wednesday evenings to sit in silent meditation together and to process what's coming up in our practice— challenges, new insights & questions. You don't have to commit to being there every single week, but regular attendance will be the most beneficial. The group is free, and drop-ins are welcome.

Maggie's Place Drop-in Night

Thursday November 9th, 5:00pm - 8:00pm, **Maggie's Place**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

Feeling bored? Disconnected? Stuck inside? Come hang out in our space, use our internet, read a book, play a board game with us, chat it up, and have free dinner. We'd love to see you and check in or just chill with you... so come on by Maggie's Place. Drop-in nights are your space to be you – in community. We are thrilled to be partnering with No Shame on U on drop-in nights.

TORAH/learning: To Be A Person

Hillel would say: "In a place where there is no one, strive to be some one." Pirke Avot 2:5

Adam: And the Lord God called to Adam, and said to him, "Where you at?" And he said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." Genesis 3:9-10

Noah: 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before me for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make an ark of gopher wood..."...22 Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded him, so he did. Genesis 6:12-22

Abraham: 22 And the men turned their faces from there, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham still stood before the Lord. 23 And Abraham drew near, and said, "Will you also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Perhaps there are only fifty righteous inside the city; will you also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Be it far from you to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that the righteous should be as the wicked, be it far from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do justice?" 26 And the Lord said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous inside the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sakes." 27 And Abraham answered and said, "Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes,,,. Perhaps there shall lack five of the fifty righteous. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "If I find there forty five, I will not destroy it...." Genesis 18:22

Moses 9 And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people. 10 Now therefore leave me alone, that my anger may burn hot against them, and that I may consume them; and I will make of you a great nation." 11 And Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said, "Lord, why does your anger burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? 12 Should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'For an evil intent did he brought them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?!' Turn from your fierce anger, and repent of this evil against your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.'" 14 And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people. Exodus 32:9-14



Escape Winter & Kindle Your Inner Light

Looking for an opportunity to build a mindfulness meditation practice through a Jewish lens and in supportive community? Here's your chance! Join Rabbi Lauren, Ellie Spitz, and special guest teacher Yael Shy for a weekend at Loyola's Retreat and Ecology Campus in Woodstock, IL. **Applications close Nov 17th.** Don't wait!

December 8th - 10th, Loyola Retreat & Ecology Campus, Woodstock IL

HESED & HODA'AH/love and gratitude

Mazal Tov to Dan & Ashley Michaeli and welcome to the tribe baby **Abigail Elise!** Thank you to the Michaeli family for helping sponsor kiddush today.

Very Happy Birthday (this week) to: **Adam Reisberg & Sasha Guffraid**

Love Teamers ON today: **Alexis Graves, Jed Weiner, Reuven Solomon & Charlie Hammerslough.** THANK YOU for your hands, hearts & smiles.

Don't forget: We are now composting! What is compostable you ask? **EVERYTHING** from the forks, plates and cups to the napkins (& food of course). The green composting bin is your friend.

Don't be a wilde chaya (that's Yiddish, for wild animal). We love sharing shabbos lunch with you. **Please help us by cleaning up after yourself.** Want to contribute toward the cost of a meal for the community, for a special occasion or just because you're feeling generous? Write Natalie admin@mishkanchicago.org

Here for the first time? Come say hello to **Rachel Gray, or any of our staff, or Love Team** on so we can shower you with love! Get on the Mishkan email list at www.mishkanchicago.org and get in our FB group and follow us on Instagram too. **Congrats? Condolences? Want to let us know that someone needs a little love?** Contact Hillary Gimpel at support@mishkanchicago.org. **Be a Lover!** Contact James Evans at LoveTeam@mishkanchicago.org hear about the Love Team.

HOLY MOLY, YA HEARD?? Mishkan got an amazing opportunity: a generous local foundation will **match any increase in donations this year.** Every little bit counts, and the bigger the numbers the bigger our ability to keep bringing inspired down-to-earth Judaism to Chicago! So consider...

- **Giving!** Make a donation online at mishkanchicago.org/support Every dollar goes to engaging people in dynamic and deep Jewish spiritual practice regardless of background or denomination. Give for the first time or make a workable increase on last year's donation!
- **Becoming a Builder!** Builders make a monthly gift or annual gift to help sustain Mishkan, not out of guilt, but out of inspired co-creation of this community. (And if that's not convincing enough, you get cool perks, discounts and Mishkan swag.)
- **If you're already a Builder, consider increasing,** even by a few dollars a month. It all counts!

All the ways that you give are eligible for the match-- Buildership, High Holiday pledges, one-time donations and gifts from family trusts and foundations. If you've been holding out for that increase, this year is the year! We have till Dec 31, 2017 to make the match.

Mishkan is co-created by Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann, Founder • Rachel Cort, Managing Director • Ellie Spitz, Director of Community Engagement & Wellness • Ilana Gleicher-Bloom, Vision Director, Mensch Academy • Rabbi Lauren Henderson: Jewish Emergent Network Rabbinic Fellow • Rachel Gray Alexander, Marketing & Communications Manager • Natalie Dibo, Rabbinic & Admin Assistant • The Davening Team • Our Awesome Board • The Love Team • Every Single Builder and Giver • YOU!